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London Hospital Bombed; R. A. F. Raids Bremen

Towns in Southeast England and Midlands Hit; Fokker Aircraft Plant Bombed in Amsterdam by British Fliers

LONDON, Oct. 9 (UP).—German raiders in groups of three smashed through London's hotly firing outer defenses from several directions tonight, dropping parachute flares and bombs on the capital and scoring a direct hit on a hospital. Londoners who stayed out of shelters were treated to a rare spectacle. The heavy anti-aircraft barrage cast a rosy glow across the horizon, searchlight beams formed complicated geometric patterns in the sky and tracers among the bursting shells etched the whole scene with red lines.

The arrival of the bombers was the earliest in the 33-day full dress siege of London.

Early reports indicated that at least eight districts in the London area had been bombed.

Raiders also were reported over two towns in southwest England, one in the Midlands and others in the northwest and northeast.

The air ministry reported that four German planes were destroyed over Bremen during the day.

The recent bombing of the University College Library in London was revealed. Two staff members were killed, eight injured. Memorial Hall virtually demolished and some 100,000 books destroyed or badly damaged by the bombing and fire which followed.

Meanwhile, Britain was reported to be developing new and effective measures of combined night air interception and ground barrages by a process of "trial and error."

The long Tuesday night battering was marked by the hit on the hospital and on an air raid shelter thronged with 150 persons. Right persons were known dead in the shelter bombing, and officials feared the toll might be increased.

The blasting of the hospital was one of the most tragic incidents of the entire siege of London. In it were helpless invalids, most of them aged men and women.

The bomb wrecked three complete wards of the suburban hospital, and the raiders returned to drop a "broad basket" of incendiary bombs on rescue workers who had sped to the scene.

RAF BLASTS AT NAZI NAVAL BASES

LONDON, Oct. 9 (UP).—Germany's great naval bases at Bremen and Wilhelmshaven, blasted almost nightly for the past month, were reported tonight to have been crippled in new assaults by British bombers which hurled tons of bombs upon docks and buildings.

The new night attack on Bremen, target of 32 previous attacks, lasted more than an hour and a half during which relays of bombers unloaded hundreds of high explosives and incendiaries upon their targets, starting great fires and explosions, the air ministry said.

More than 15 tons of bombs were said to have been dropped to Wilhelmshaven and "fires and explosions were observed in all parts of the target area."

Wilhelmshaven previously had been bombed 21 times, according to official British accounts.

Nazi objectives in the Reich, Holland and occupied France came under attack, it was said, some of them in bright daylight raids Tuesday.

Bombs smashed upon large oil refineries at Hamburg and Gelsenkirchen, power stations at Kiel, metal works at Hanau, freight yards at Mannheim and Gremberg and several German airdromes.

RAIL CENTER 'SMASHED,' SAYS BERLIN

BERLIN, Oct. 9 (UP).—German bombers tonight were said to have "smashed to pieces" a vital railway center in London and practically leveled an industrial center of south England in a day of widespread destruction.

The German attacks on London, which picked up at dawn where night raiders left off, continued throughout the day and "with increasing rage" after darkness set in, Nazis reported.

Sweeping into the industrial area east of Liverpool, the German raiders flew over the Stafford vicinity where they dropped heavy bombs on "the main works" of a factory, as well as adjacent buildings, the official Nazi news agency reported.

Will Never Recognize 'New Order' in Asia—Chiang

CHUNGKING, China, Oct. 9 (UP).—Recent increases in foreign aid to China will end Japanese hopes of terminating hostilities through her military alliance with Germany and Italy, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek said today.

Chiang addressed the nation on the eve of China's great national holiday, Oct. 10, anniversary of the revolution which toppled the Manchurian throne.

He said China's determination not to submit to force would defeat Japan.

"China is determined to do everything in her power to frustrate Japan's attempt to enslave the Orient," Chiang said. "Other powers are warned against recognition of Japan's aims or entering into agreements with Japan which would be opposed by China."

He said China never would recognize Japan's new order in East Asia, which "means only the submission of all Pacific countries to a policy of territorial aggrandizement and acknowledgement of Japan's overlordship."

Hear Britain Will Break With Rumania

BUCHAREST, Oct. 9 (UP).—Great Britain is "virtually certain" to break off diplomatic relations with Rumania as result of the establishment of German troops at strategic points throughout the nation, it was stated tonight in diplomatic quarters.

British nationals, of whom there are about 600 in Bucharest, are leaving Rumania, particularly those connected with the oil industry who have been advised by the British legation to leave without delay.

Loses Right Arm

The right arm of Peter A. Peterson, 52, of 815 57th St., Brooklyn, was amputated yesterday after a 2000-pound weight had fallen on it from a pile driver which he was operating at the Governors Island ferry slip at the Battery.



Hancock Signs with CIO: Left to Right—John J. Stanley, secretary-treasurer of the United Office and Professional Workers Union; Allan S. Haywood, National Director of the CIO, shown signing the agreement just concluded with the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co.; Leon Berney, general organizer of Insurance Agents, Local 30 of the UOPWA. (Story on page 3).

Peace Mobilizers Urge All Aid to China and Friendship to U. S. S. R.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—The American Peace Mobilization today proposed a three-point program for American policy in the Far East embodying a "total embargo" against Japan, extensive aid to China, and cooperation with Soviet Russia, to curb "imperialist maneuvers leading to war in the Orient."

In this statement of policy prepared after consultation with experts on Asiatic relations, the Peace Mobilization warned, however, that such a program must be undertaken "not with an eye to the maintenance of a colonial status quo in the Orient, but only with a clear aim of assistance to an independent and democratic China."

At the same time, it vigorously condemned America's Far Eastern policy of the last few years, asserting that its primary purpose has been "to prolong the Sino-Japanese war until both belligerents were exhausted," thus permitting the United States to undertake "imperialist negotiations."

"American Far Eastern policy must be wholly condemned for leading us into precisely the sort of predicament envisaged when repeated demands for genuine aid to China were not followed," the APM statement said.

PURSUED IMPERIALIST AIM "In retrospect we can see that the government has had no real interest in defeating the Fascist elements in Japan nor in aiding China to win actual freedom. On the contrary, its purpose has been, through appeasement of Japan and trivial aid to China, to prolong the war until both belligerents were exhausted, at which time the United States could undertake imperialist negotiations."

"This is borne out by the fact that our first genuine embargo measure, and the first serious talk of deals over Australian bases and

the little trick was designed to muddy the waters and thus prevent John L. Lewis from pressing his demand that a Presidential executive order be issued, withholding contracts from law violators.

But within a week Jackson and Hillman are seen crawling on their hands and knees before their big bosses of the monopolies, and saying: "We didn't mean it."

Those big bosses—the Knudsen and the rest of the Fifth Columnist pack of profiteers—could not even permit this gesture to be made, lest it arouse labor to insist fully on its rights.

Through the Smith Committee, the monopolists called in the heads of the Army and Navy Departments, the Attorney General and the Labor Defense Commissioner. One and all hastened to assert that Big Business would not be disturbed in its loot, whether it obeyed the law or not. NONE WAS MORE EAGER TO SAY THIS THAN MR. HILLMAN.

Trembling before his bosses, Hillman whiningly declared that he had meant to do nothing "extra-legal." Through Jackson and the bitterly anti-labor Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox, the Smith Committee was assured that Mr. Hillman had been a "good boy," that he had not even pressed for a Presidential order to protect labor when Lewis had urged such action.

It was brought out by these gentlemen that at no time had Hillman ever asked that labor's rights under the National Labor Relations Act be either respected or observed.

The reactionary New York Sun—in its glee at this "good news" from Washington—lets out a few truths in its editorial of yesterday. It characterizes the events before the Smith Committee as "a strange proceeding"—as indeed it proved to be. What can be more strange than to behold an alleged "representative of labor" groveling as Sidney Hillman groveled before the bitterest enemies of the trade unions and of the workers.

The Sun correctly describes Jackson's performance as "eating a peck of his own words," and Hillman is contemptuously referred to as one who "was anxious to assure the other members and the Secretary

Communists On Ballot In Vermont And Iowa

Vermont State Sec. Rules Communists Met All Requirements

(Special to the Daily Worker)
DES MOINES, Iowa, Oct. 9.—The Communist Party was definitely certified for a place on the ballot in the November election in this state today as a result of a ruling by the Board of Elections.

The board overruled objections to the Party being on the ballot by a reactionary group, which had brought suit.

THROW OUT SUIT AGAINST VERMONT C.P.

(Special to the Daily Worker)
MONTPELIER, Vt., Oct. 9.—Secretary of State Rawson C. Myrick at yesterday's hearing on objections to Communist nominating petitions for Vermont ruled that insufficient objections had been received to invalidate the petition.

Despite the widespread campaign of intimidation by the press, a group of reactionaries headed by Major Burns of Burlington, were unable to produce evidence of the "fraud" and "misrepresentation" they charged.

Witnesses were on hand to testify that signature collectors had fully and carefully informed them of the nature of the petition and the party they represented. At the suggestion of the Attorney General, the Secretary of State ruled off the ballot Daniel B. Schirmer, Communist candidate for Congress, because Schirmer had collected and notarized signatures for his own candidacy. This would leave the Party's presidential electors on the ballot, however.

The ruling on Schirmer is being challenged before the Vermont Supreme Court Thursday, Oct. 10.

The strike of New York City truck drivers ended with a victory for Local 807, International Brotherhood of Teamsters yesterday, when two employers' associations granted the demand for a week's vacation with pay.

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Bethlehem Gets Bonus Of 54-Million Despite Labor Act Violations

Bethlehem Locals to Hold Parley Sunday

500 Spokesmen of Bethlehem Steel Locals to Meet With SWOC Officials in Pittsburgh; to Map Out Next Steps in Campaign

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 9 (UP).—Officials of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee will meet with 500 representatives of Bethlehem Steel Corp. local unions at Bethlehem, Pa., Sunday to map further action in the CIO's drive for recognition as bargaining agent for the company's 115,000 workers.

SWOC headquarters here revealed today Philip Murray, SWOC chairman, Lee Pressman, CIO legal chief, and organizational heads will attend the conference.

The Steel union will seek to determine the next step to follow a warning sent to Eugene G. Grace, Bethlehem president, last week, that "continuity of work" on the company's billion dollars worth of National defense orders was threatened unless he met with SWOC officers to discuss labor relations.

Teamsters' Strike Ends In Victory for Union

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Navy Dep't Announces 'Award' as Court Finds Corp. Guilty

SLAP AT LABOR

Gov't to Build Bigger Plant; Steel Co. to Get All the Profits

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 9.—The Roosevelt Administration today awarded the Bethlehem Steel Corp. a special bonus of more than \$50,000,000, for its unprecedented record of Wagner Act violations.

The Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox announced that the company will build new facilities totaling \$54,500,000 at government expense.

This amounts to a virtual gift to Bethlehem Steel since the government will bear the complete cost of plant expansion while the company will enjoy the benefits of the new tax law taking the ceiling off profits in armaments production.

Knox made this announcement after a decision by the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals at Boston yesterday upheld a Labor Board decision which found the company guilty of violating the Wagner Act.

AWARD FOR VIOLATIONS The court ordered the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Co. to disestablish a company union, to enter into negotiations with the International Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers and to sign a contract at the end of the negotiations. An identical case involving the big steel plants at Johnstown and Bethlehem, Pa., are still pending before the Circuit Court in the District of Columbia.

It was considered significant that Bethlehem received this tremendous bonus after a Federal Court had ruled on its Wagner Act violations because administration officials are apparently determined to ignore the decisions of the courts as well as the Labor Board's against anti-labor companies.

More than one-fourth of this government hand-out to Bethlehem is for use at the company's Fore

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Calls Lehman 'Pay-triot', Cites Holdings

Sen. Holt Shows Governor's Link to Big War Industries

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—Gov. Lehman is a "Pay-triot" whose banker relatives are pocketing "enormous profits" in war industries investments, Sen. Rush Holt (D. W. Va.) said in the Senate today.

"No wonder Lehman is going around the State of New York trying to create war hysteria," exclaimed Sen. Holt as he read into the record recent Wall St. transactions of Lehman Corp., dominated by members of the Governor's immediate family, and of General American Investors, headed by Frank Altschul, the Governor's brother-in-law and a partner in the international banking firm of Lazard Freres.

Lehman Corp., the investment branch of Lehman Bros., from which the New York Governor withdrew as an active partner when he took public office, has made impressive investments in industries with large Government contracts, according to Holt. He charged that the firm recently acquired 10,000 shares of Bethlehem Steel; 6,000 shares of Republic Steel; 19,000 shares of U. S. Steel; 4,000 shares of Youngstown Sheet and Tube and made other extensive purchases of stock in duPont, Hercules Powder, Monsanto Chemicals, Dow Chemical, Allis Chalmers and Chrysler and a 10,000-share investment in Yellow Coach and Truck.

'I Didn't Mean It,' Snivels Mr. Hillman An Editorial

THAT farce-comedy in Washington Tuesday will be imprinted indelibly on the memory of American Labor.

In years to come, it will be recalled with anger and contempt.

It was on Tuesday that the high and mighty officials of the "defense" agencies solemnly assured the anti-labor Smith Committee:

BIG BUSINESS LAWBREAKERS WILL CONTINUE TO GET 'DEFENSE' CONTRACTS.

After all the fake posing and "ruling" by Attorney General Robert Jackson and by the great and glamorous "Labor Defense Commissioner," Sidney Hillman, Labor is told to go whistle up a tree for its rights under the National Labor Relations Act.

The Bethlehem Steel Corp., the Ford Motor Corp. and other like profiteering pirates may blacklist workers and defy the law of the land. They will continue, nonetheless, to be fed the huge loot of the "defense" contracts by the Roosevelt administration.

One short week has elapsed since Attorney General Jackson grudgingly handed out an "informal ruling" that "defense" contracts could not go to violators of the National Labor Relations Act—UNLESS the courts decided otherwise.

This phoney "ruling" was the slick little game worked out by Jackson and Sidney Hillman to head off strong action by the Steel Workers Organizing Committee conference at Pitts-

burgh. The little trick was designed to muddy the waters and thus prevent John L. Lewis from pressing his demand that a Presidential executive order be issued, withholding contracts from law violators.

But within a week Jackson and

Roosevelt Okays Jim Crow in Army Against Negroes

NAACP Official Meets with Military Brass Hats, Agrees to Segregation of Negro Draftees; Roosevelt Present at Conference

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (UP).—President Roosevelt today approved the system of segregating Negro and white troops in the expanding military service.

Stephen T. Early, White House secretary, said the segregation policy was approved following a conference of Mr. Roosevelt, President Walter White of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, two other Negro leaders, Secretary of Navy Frank Knox and Assistant Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson.

"It is the policy of the War Department that services of Negroes will be utilized on a fair and equitable basis," it was said.

"The policy of the War Department is not to intermingle colored and white enlisted personnel in the same regimental organizations," a

White House statement said. "This policy has been proven satisfactory over a long period of years, and to make changes would produce situations destructive to morale and detrimental to the preparations for national defense.

"For similar reasons the department does not contemplate assigning colored reserve officers other than those of the medical corps and chaplains to existing Negro combat units of the regular army."

Administration Kills Anti-Lynching Bill

Sen. Barkley Uses 'National Defense' Excuse and Attacks Negro Organizations for Demanding Passage of Bill This Session

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9. — Majority Leader Alben Barkley has formally sounded the death knell of the anti-lynching bill at this session of Congress.

The administration spokesman informed the Senate that he considered it "impossible" to get action on the anti-lynching bill at this session.

At the same time, Barkley also reaped Negro organizations for making "peremptory demands" that the Senate pass the measure which has been approved several times in the House and held up in the Senate each time by a small group of reactionary Southern filibusters.

Barkley admitted in a speech to the Senate yesterday that closure, or the shutting off of debate, was the only effective way of getting a vote, but said that "a majority" of both Democrats and Republicans had refused to support this step when he polled them privately.

The question of whether or not Congress will get a prolonged recess until after the election was still in doubt today as Republican politicians tried to make political capital out of a demand that Congress stay in session. In view of the fact that most members of Congress have already gone home, the issue is rapidly becoming academic anyway.

BILL DEAD ANYWAY

But whether Congress technically stays in session or whether it goes home, Barkley made it clear that the anti-lynching bill is out of the window for the session.

The anti-lynching bill will thus take its place with other progressive bills which have been killed off by the Roosevelt administration's war program and will not be acted on at this session.

Other social measures which at one time had the approval of the administration have now definitely been scuttled include:

1. Proposals to extend and improve the existing social security set-up by increasing the amount and the coverage of old-age pension and unemployment compensation payments.
2. The Wagner Housing Bill which would give the U. S. Housing Authority another \$800,000,000 in loans.
3. The Wagner Health bill to set up a nationwide system of clinics and hospitals to take care of the millions of Americans who cannot afford to pay for private medical care.

President Roosevelt and his advisers continue to pay lip service to

social legislation, and in his labor speech to the Teamsters convention the president said:

"For example, the benefits of social security should be broadened and extended, unemployment insurance should cover a larger number of workers. Our old age pension system must be improved."

But specific measures enumerated above have been killed by administration leaders in Congress. Promises to the contrary are strictly campaign propaganda.

HITS NEGRO GROUPS

Senator Barkley assailed Negro organizations backing the anti-lynching bill for "the not only insistent but sometimes preposterous demands that, regardless of anything else, the anti-lynching bill be brought forward."

The majority leader trotted out the familiar alibi of "national defense" in explaining why no effort would be made to pass the anti-lynching bill.

He said that "in the midst of our international situation, our defense program, and the conditions in which the world and our country find themselves; it is impractical at this time to make a futile effort to obtain a vote on the bill when it is known in advance that a vote cannot be had."

Barkley said that he had conducted a "very careful" poll of sentiment on the motion to shut off the filibusters by imposing closure and discovered that such a proposal would not pass.

"It is not only impossible to obtain the two-thirds vote necessary to adopt it but would not be possible to get a majority on either side of the Senate for closure," Barkley said.

This refusal of both a majority of both Democrats and Republicans to take effective steps to force a vote on the anti-lynching bill contrasted with the campaign pledges which both parties made to the Negro people in their platforms.

Barkley made his statement on the anti-lynching bill after Senator Warren Barbour, New Jersey Republican, had inquired as to the status of the measure.

Senator Barbour read a letter

Italians Resume Operations In Egypt

Mussolini Reviews Troops on Frontier of Yugoslavia

ROME, Oct. 9 (UP).—Resumption of infantry activity on the Egyptian front, possibly presaging renewal of Marshal Rodolfo Graziani's offensive against the Suez Canal, was reported in Italy's war communique today.

Graziani's drive had been stalled three weeks, since his mechanized units advanced 75 miles from the Libyan frontier to take Sidi Barrani, last British base before Mersa Matruh, at the end of the railroad running west along the coast from Alexandria. One Italian plane was lost.

The communique claimed that in East Africa, Italian patrols had put to flight a column of Sudanese cavalry near the border of Italian Eritrea and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.

New raids were said to have been made on Malta, where, it was claimed, a torpedo factory at Valetta was hit.

The communique said an air battle developed during the Italian attack on Malta and that a British fighter was shot down in flames. It was admitted that an Italian plane was lost.

MUSSOLINI VIEWS TROOPS

ROME, Oct. 9 (UP).—Premier Benito Mussolini was near the Yugoslav frontier today, inspecting the 11th Army Corps, now stationed in the border district.

CAIRO, Oct. 9 (UP).—An Italian motor transport column escorted by light tanks moved eastward from the Bir En Ba area south of Sidi Barrani Tuesday morning, but withdrew to its original positions before dusk, a British general headquarters communique said today.

British armored cars were reported to have shot down an Italian bomber. On other fronts all was quiet, the communique said.

Registration Begins In Up-State Towns

ALBANY, Oct. 9 (UP).—Registration today in upstate New York cities and villages of more than 5,000 population. Other registration days are tomorrow and Oct. 18 and 19.

from Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, calling attention to a recent lynching in Brownsville, Tennessee, of a Negro who had simply sought information as to how he could qualify to vote in the November elections.

"The case at Brownsville, Tenn., where a law-abiding citizen was lynched because he went with other equally respectable Negro citizens to ask information as to what they should do to qualify to vote in the November Presidential election, is a case which, by itself, is enough to shock Americans and to justify passage of the anti-lynching bill," White wrote in his letter.

"Other Negroes, including a minister of the gospel and a Negro proprietor of a filling station, were forced by the same mob to flee for their lives from Brownsville. They were ordered to get out of town before daybreak and were told that if they returned they would be lynched."

"One of the Brownsville refugees is father of seven children and his wife is soon to give birth to an eighth child. His filling station was taken over by the Sheriff the day after he was run out of town."

In an earlier session Citrine had defined the Trades Union Council policy toward the Government as "cordial though watchful cooperation."



One of 15,000 Victims: This is one of the first photos to pass the British census showing one of the estimated 15,000 Britons who have been killed or wounded in the war over Britain. Surrounding the body are members of an Air Raid Protection squad.

British Union Parley Hears Plea for Socialism

Individuals Plead for People's Government as 'Only Way Forward' as Bureaucrats Put O.K. on Cooperation with Churchill

By Philip Bolsover

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

LONDON, Oct. 9.—Although the Trades Union Congress here adopted a resolution sponsored by the conservative leadership, pledging support to Britain's war effort, nevertheless a number of individual delegates expressed opposition to such blanket support of the war, and were loudly applauded.

Arthur Horner, for example, president of the powerful South Wales Miners Federation, in speaking against the resolution, declared:

"Socialism is the only force that can fight Hitler effectively. Who destroyed the Kaiser? It was the German people, soldiers, sailors. If the Trades Union Congress gets mixed up with the ideology of the capitalist class, we shall destroy the very basis of peace. Socialism and internationalism can save the people."

William Zak, a delegate of the National Amalgamated Furnishing Trades Association, said that war is the result of capitalism. He declared: "The workers want lasting peace, but it will never be achieved while the bankers and other representatives of Big Business, and capitalism rule the country. These people are concerned only with power and profits. There's only one way forward, and that's the establishment of a people's government in the shortest possible time."

Other delegates expressed similar opinions.

CITRINE FOR CHURCHILL

The resolution to support the war was proposed by Sir Walter Citrine, secretary of the general council, who said that the spirit of national unity should be maintained and the best brains of the people should be put into the war effort. He said the resolution re-affirmed the inflexible resolve of the labor movement to continue support of the war.

Clement Attlee, leader of the parliamentary Labor Party, addressed the Congress as a fraternal delegate, saying he was convinced that victory would be won over Hitler and that from this would spring a new world. The government's first purpose must be to defeat the enemy, he said. The second must be to preserve unity, and the third to preserve our freedom.

The resolution, passed by a show of hands, affirmed "unbreakable resolve" to carry on the war, and endorsed the partnership between the leaders of unions and the government. It praised the efforts of those in the armed forces and the civil defense, expressed sympathy with the dead and the homeless, formally asked adequate protection and welcomed the help of the United States.

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DEMAND RAID PROTECTION

In the debate on air raid precautions, delegates complained of inadequate protection for industrial workers and the civil population generally. They declared that deep shelters should be provided, and that particular efforts should be made to provide protection for towns not yet bombed before the attacks came.

Compensation was demanded for wrecked homes and for families killed or injured. Citrine adopted his usual reactionary attitude in reply to the debate. He opposed the provision of deep bomb-proof shelters, saying that if they took the view that complete immunity was essential for the population, the wisest course would be to sue for peace. It was farcical to expect the government to cover all risks by a policy of deep bomb-proof shelters, he said.

Congress carried a resolution condemning the victimization of conscientious objectors.

Leningrad Shows Big Increase in Merchant Shipping Over Last Year

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Oct. 9.—Greatly increased merchant shipping is taking place this year in the port of Leningrad, reports from this city show. In contrast with other great city ports in Europe, where war and blockade, floating mines, and the threat of submarines, keep the harbor empty and the wharves and docks idle, the great Soviet port enjoys a prosperous ocean trade.

It is the first time in many years, according to today's reports, that

such a large number of ships have been concentrated in this port. Dozens of ships are obliged to remain in the roadstead awaiting their turn to load and unload. Day and night, cranes and windlasses are busy hoisting cargo from ships' holds.

Compared with last year, the cargo turnover at Leningrad is very considerably increased. In fulfillment of the plan of the mercantile marine, Soviet tonnage is tripled as compared to last year.

With the incorporation of Estonia and Latvia in the U.S.S.R., their fleets also are now engaged in mercantile marine transport. Leningrad's auxiliary seaports, Vyborg and Tronsund, have started to function, and they are included in the general plan of ocean and local shipping.

Leningrad's port is at present getting ready for the winter season. Irrespective of frosts and ice, ships of the Soviet merchant marine will continue navigation with the help of icebreakers.

U.S. Citizens in Far East in Plea for Ships

Ship Lines Booked to End of This Year

SHANGHAI, Oct. 9 (UP).—Leaders of the Shanghai American Association cabled the State Department today for ships to speed the evacuation of United States citizens.

Officers of the American President Shipping Lines reported that all passenger accommodations had been engaged up to the end of the year.

Americans crowded shipping offices in hope of getting passage, and some engaged cabins on the round the world liner President Garfield, leaving for the United States via Cape Horn October 14, rather than risk waiting here for months.

SINGAPORE, Straits Settlements, Oct. 9 (UP).—British, Chinese and Indians enthusiastically welcomed today Great Britain's decision to reopen the Burma Road and expressed conviction that Singapore was ready and strong enough for any development.

It was suggested that the British decision marked the start of a firm Anglo-American policy toward the far east.

HANOI, French Indo-China, Oct. 9 (UP).—French authorities announced today that Thailand (Siam) had accepted in principle proposals to establish a joint French-Siamese commission to negotiate settlement of frontier incidents.

UAW Votes on Calling Strike in Canada GM Plant

OSHAWA, Ont., Oct. 9 (UP).—The United Automobile Workers of America, CIO affiliate, decides today whether to call a general strike at the General Motors plant over the grievances of body department workers.

They walked out Monday because, they allege, they had been required to work with defective parts which slowed production and caused pay losses.

General Motors officials were silent. A conference yesterday between union and company officials and provincial labor conciliator Louis Fine ended in a deadlock. Fine proposed that the men return to work pending a settlement of their grievances, but this was refused by the strikers.

Senate Passes Bill Okaying 'Home Guard'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (UP).—The Senate today passed and sent back to the House a bill authorizing the states to establish home guard military units to replace National Guard contingents called to service with the regular army.

Among the other speakers were Jean Horle of the American Youth Congress and Dr. Bella Dodd, chairman of the Women's Committee and legislative representative of Teachers, Local 5, AFL.

No Colleges to 'Walk Out on War,' Answer Dr. Butler's Tory Attack

Condemnation of Nicholas Murray Butler's warlike attack on academic freedom will be demonstrated by some 100,000 students on 110 college campuses today when they participate in a "Walkout on War," the national office of the American Student Union announced yesterday.

From the universities of Maine to California, students will give their answer to the White House and to the Butler of Wall Street who is ready to plunge the nation's youth into the holocaust of war.

At Columbia University, Congressman Academic Freedom rally of university students at noon today as part of the nation-wide walkout.

Trade union leaders and progressives addressing nine other New York City campuses include: Arthur Osman, president of Local 65, United Wholesale and Warehouse Employees; Louis Burnham, youth chairman of the National Negro Congress; Morris Watson, international vice-president of the American Newspaper Guild; George Murphy, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Ren James Robinson, youth director of the NAACP; Rabbi Moses Miller, chairman of the Jewish People's Committee; Jessica Scott, director of the Ashland Place

Peace Mobilizers Urge All Aid to China and Friendship to U. S. S. R.

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Singapore come over the invasion of China, but over the attack on the colonial status quo, from America's point of view, the present policy is extremely dangerous, for it is precisely the sort of imperialist rivalry which rapidly leads to war.

"The policy of our organization, therefore, should be to reveal the true motives of the present Far Eastern policy and to work for a program of democratic aid to China by:

1. Placing a complete embargo on American war materials and dollar exchange for Japan;
2. Supplying China with the means of war: substantial loans, airplanes, guns, munitions, oil and other essentials.
3. Securing the cooperation of the U. S. S. R. in this genuinely progressive, anti-imperialist program.

Our government, in its reaction to these demands will reveal to what extent its goal is one of imperialist rivalry or one truly dedicated to the assistance of a democratic people in their struggle for liberty."

British Seize Art Treasures Bound for U.S.

LONDON, Oct. 9 (UP).—Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of paintings, drawings and other art treasures described as having been sent abroad in "an obvious German ruse to secure dollar exchange" were seized by British authorities at Bermuda from the American Export Liner Excalibur, the Ministry of Economic Warfare revealed here today.

The ministry said the art treasures seized included 27 paintings by Renoir, 30 by Cezanne, 12 by Gauguin, seven by Degas and also some paintings by Manet, Monet and Picasso which originally had been in Paris museums.

Marcantonio to Speak at Repeal Draft Meeting

Rep. Vito Marcantonio, sponsor of the bill for repeal of conscription, will be the principal speaker next Tuesday night, on the eve of registration for the draft, at a mass meeting for repeal in Transport Workers' Hall, 153 W. 64th St., under the auspices of the Trade Union Women's Committee for Peace.

Rep. Caroline O'Day, who voted against the Burke-Wadsworth Conscription Bill, was also invited to address the meeting, the women's committee announced.

Among the other speakers are Jean Horle of the American Youth Congress and Dr. Bella Dodd, chairman of the Women's Committee and legislative representative of Teachers, Local 5, AFL.

French authorities in Vichy alleged that Britain has turned to attempts to "starve into submission" French overseas possessions which refuse to repudiate the Pétain government and join the so-called "Free French" forces of ex-General Charles De Gaulle.

Japan Stops U. S. Oil Sales To China

SHANGHAI, Oct. 9.—The Japanese authorities have discontinued the granting of permits to the American and British companies, the Asiatic Petroleum, Standard Oil and Texas Oil Company, for the sale of transport oil in the occupied districts of Central China.

The monopoly right for oil trading in the occupied districts of Central China has been granted to a recently organized Japanese firm. Foreign oil companies have been compelled to sell their oil products to this Japanese firm which later resells them.

Mme. Chiang Kai-shek Flies to Hongkong

CHUNGKING, Oct. 9.—Mme. Chiang Kai-shek, wife and chief aid of China's generalissimo, has gone by plane to Hongkong for medical treatment and rest, friends disclosed today.



NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER

Franco Fears Anti-Fascist Madrid, Says Account in Mexican Newspaper

By Alfred Miller

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 9.—The people of Madrid are still hotly anti-fascist and Franco fears Madrid, according to information received from Spain and published in "Espana Popular" here.

"Espana Popular's" informant reports that in Madrid the people go about the streets looking unhappy and preoccupied. Even the children are sad and show signs of hunger and suffering.

The people make no attempt to hide their hatred of Franco and all he represents. This hatred is often openly displayed in the queue in the market places, in bars, and wherever more than two inhabitants of Madrid talk together.

One day, Populars informant reports, he asked someone he met in a bar, "Why are there so few Falangists in uniform?" and the answer, given in a loud voice, was: "What do you expect more mass-quadrants?"

Pious women, and members of the semi-religious Order of the Holy Rosary, and the Falangists of the Fal-

ango attempt to secure information from republican working men but meet with no success. These propagandists, however, do not dare carry on their work in Madrid as they are certain of encountering some woman of the people who will shout one of the favorite slogans of Valdeas and Cuatro Caminos "Shut up, here we are all Spaniards, not foreigners!" The Madridenos say to everyone who will listen: "They can do nothing with Madrid, and they know it."

The people are convinced that Franco is afraid of Madrid and that this explains his living at El Pardo. They notice that the "chief executioner" comes to the capital only when he has to receive a foreign diplomat, and that before he leaves El Pardo countless "preventive" arrests are made in Madrid.

WON'T CONTRIBUTE

On the days when little emblems of the Falango are given out to people on the streets in exchange for contributions, fewer people go out of their houses. And these who do so often say "I am out of

work" or "I have no money" when asked for a contribution though they know it means being denounced and suffering reprisals.

Espana Popular's informant reports that prostitution has increased terribly as a result of the great poverty of the people. The men are out of work or in prison if they have not been shot. The women can find little employment and when they do, they are the victims of the most vile exploitation. Falangists and Army men boast of having violated women in exchange for a promise not to kill their menfolk and set them free. Nor have other punishment inflicted on the women ceased. One sees thousands of women in Madrid with shaven heads, but they are not concerned; in fact, they go about with pride at being anti-fascist.

The Communists are directing the struggle for unity, explaining the situation, the forms of struggle which the terror permits and pointing out the only way to victory—organized struggle within the People's Front cleared of cowards and traitors.

News of the Communist Party Election Campaign

Negro Students Pack Ford Meeting in N.C.

Candidate at Shaw University, Oldest Negro College in South, Urges Support for Communist Program of Peace, Jobs

By Ben Davis, Jr.

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 9.—To an eager and attentive body of 450 Negro students, James W. Ford asserted Tuesday that the war program of Roosevelt and Willkie hangs like a sinister pall over the lives and future of Negro youth. The Communist Vice-Presidential candidate and noted



MRS. MATTIE GREEN

Communists in Erie County File in Election

The Buffalo Division of the New York State Election Campaign Committee, Communist Party, filed Tuesday with the Erie County Board of Elections petitions containing 1,825 signatures for the placing of Mrs. Mattie Green, Communist candidate for Congress in the 42nd Congressional District, on the ballot for the Nov. 5 elections.

Nomination of Mrs. Green marks the first time that a Negro woman is running for Federal office statewide. The petitions filed contained 325 signatures above the legal requirement of 1,500.

The bulk of the signers of the petitions nominating Mrs. Green were white and Negro workers of the Buffalo and Lackawanna areas.

Bar Appeal on Ohio Ballot Ban On Communists

Launch Write-In Drive As Court Refuses a Hearing

(Special to the Daily Worker) CLEVELAND, Oct. 9.—Both the Secretary of State and the Ohio Supreme Court have effectively blocked any re-hearing or appeal of the arbitrary and Hitler-like ruling which has barred the Communist Party and other minority parties from appearing on the ballot in this state.

In response to a request for a re-hearing, Secretary of State Nease has written: "I feel that a further discussion of the whole matter involved in connection with the filing and the determination of the (nomination) petitions' validity would be useless."

Similarly, the State Supreme Court has not even filed a motion for review of the case, stating that the "questions sought to be raised... are now moot as the ballots have been certified by the Secretary of State and are now being printed. There is also the additional consideration that as matters now stand the answer of the defendant would not be due until Oct. 26 and the court will not be in session from Oct. 25 till after election—so there is no opportunity of any further hearing in the case."

WRITE-IN CAMPAIGN Answering this unprecedented denial of the peoples' electoral rights, spokesmen for the Communist Party declare that it will conduct an intensified election campaign aimed at achieving the maximum write-in vote for its candidates.

Amter Talks in Harlem Tonite On Housing

Father of Infant Who Died of Rat's Bite Also to Appear

The deplorable housing conditions in Harlem will be exposed at a rally tonight at the Elks Auditorium, 180 W. 129th St., at which Israel Amter, Communist candidate for U. S. Senator, will be the keynote speaker.

Harvey Daniels, father of Dorothy Daniels, six-month-old Negro baby who died recently from the results of the bite of a huge Harlem tenement rat, will appear at the rally. The father of the infant will describe the sordid housing conditions and meagre home-relief budget which made adequate care of the infant impossible. The family is on relief.

Indiana Defers Ruling on C. P. Ballot Rights

Election Board Hears Red-Baiting Tirades By 'Patriots'

(Special to the Daily Worker) INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 9.—The State Board of Election Commissioners yesterday deferred ruling on the Communist Party's petition to place its candidates on the ballot in this state.

The Board yesterday heard a parade of Daughters of the American Revolution and Legionnaires who have been working overtime in an effort to keep the Communist Party off the ballot in Indiana. Leaders of this reactionary crew were Marguerite Dice, chairman of the "national defense committee" of the Cornelia Cole Fairbanks chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and veteran red-baiter Homer L. Challaux, national "Americanism" chairman of the American Legion.

COMPLIED WITH LAW The Communist Party, which has been on the ballot in Indiana since 1934, filed its petition last Saturday, complying in every detail with the election laws of the state.

Philip Bart, state secretary of the Communist Party, and Earl Reno of Gary, state chairman and candidate for U. S. Senator, represented the Party at the election board hearings, which were marked by an abundance of red-baiting.

The Election Board commissioners found no difficulty in placing other minority parties on the ballot, including the Socialist, Socialist Labor, and Prohibition Parties.

Hammett to Open Phila. Lecture Series

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 9.—Dashiell Hammett, Chairman of the Committee On Election Rights—1940, and author of many widely read mysteries, among them the famous "Thin Man," will speak at the opening meeting of the seventh season of the Philadelphia Peoples' Forum. Hammett, who will speak on "The Case of the Mysterious Disappearance of the Free Ballot," is expected to attract one of the largest audiences in Forum history. The hall, at 810 Locust St., is being readied for an overflow crowd.

Pittsburgh Communists Mark Birthday Of Pat Cuth—'The Grand Old Man'

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 9.—"We in Pennsylvania are fortunate. In the eastern part of the state they have Mother Ella Reeve Bloor; here in the western part, we have Pat Cuth."

Those were part of the closing remarks of George Powers, secretary of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, at a luncheon given here in honor of the 33rd birthday of Emmett Patrick Cuth, veteran labor leader, steel worker, chairman of the Western Pennsylvania Committee for Defense of Civil Rights for Communists and the "grand old man" of the Communist Party here.

The luncheon was attended by the defendants in the trial of the Communist nominating petition circulators here. As chairman of the defense committee, Cuth has been the leader in the great task of raising the bail and defense funds needed for their trials.

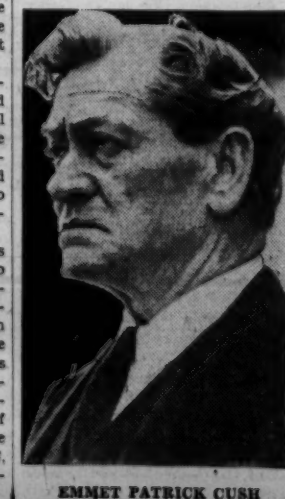
Thanking the luncheon guests for the "consideration you are giving to a kid like me," Cuth spoke of some of the early struggles he has witnessed in this part of the State. He told of the great railroad strike of 1877 which took place when he was ten years old and gave an eye witness account of the

great battle between the strikers and the militia. After describing some of his experiences as president of the Munhall Lodge of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, at the age of 21, and after telling about the great struggles of the steel workers in the 1892 Homestead strike, Cuth said "Those bitter struggles are being renewed these days and the trial which is now going on is just the beginning."

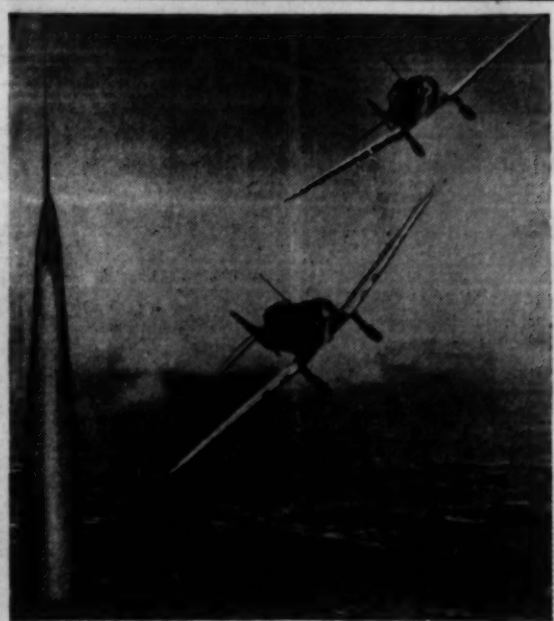
He spoke also of his long campaign to get a monument erected to the memory of the sixteen steel workers killed at Homestead. He concluded at the end of the luncheon with a word of thanks and told the gathering that the best gift to him would be increased contributions for the defense committee.

Toastmaster at the luncheon was Ben Careathers, leading Negro Communist and long a fellow worker of Pat Cuth. Careathers introduced Max Jenkins, veteran Jewish leader, George Clements of the Defense Committee and Charles Gwynn, chairman of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania. Gwynn told the luncheon of Cuth's work as a builder of the immediate forerunner of the SWOC, the Steel and Metal Workers Industrial Union.

Originally, the luncheon was scheduled to last just forty minutes, which would have given the defendants time to get from the courthouse to the luncheon place. There was no court session today, however, because of the illness of Judge J. Frank Graff.



EMMETT PATRICK CUTH



Cameraman 'Shot Down': Flying high over Randolph Field, Tex., cadets in two fighter planes take the cameraman by surprise and he discovers what it feels like to have his plane "shot down" in aerial combat. The fighters are banking over, ready to take their victim with imaginary bullets.

CIO Insurance Agents Win Major Company Pact

Union Signs Contract With Hancock Company, One of the 'Big Three' in Field, Covering 1,027 Employees in 25 Offices in New York Area

The first major union contract covering insurance agents was signed yesterday by the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. and the United Office and Professional Workers, CIO, for the company's 1,027 agents employed in 25 offices in the Greater New York area.

John Hancock Life, with its general office at Boston, is one of the "big three" in the industrial insurance field, with assets of over a billion dollars.

"This should give a knockout blow to resistance to collective bargaining by the Metropolitan and other insurance companies," said Allan S. Haywood, national director of the CIO, who was one of the signers of the contract.

"It is a great step forward. We are planning to press organization in the other firms through the United Office and Professional Workers," Haywood said. The organization plans will be taken up at Atlantic City during the convention of the CIO on Nov. 18.

The negotiations for the CIO were headed by Haywood and Lewis Merrill, President of the UOPWA. The Hancock men were represented by Leon Berney, general organizer of Insurance Agents, Local 30; William Frankfort, Joan Milligan, Fred Smolen, John Steckel and Henry Wald.

Referring to the Hancock agreement as an "historic document" in the field of white-collar labor organization, Merrill said "It is the fruit of four years of organizing effort on the part of employees of major insurance companies. This agreement is another demonstration of the applicability of trade union organization and the collective bargaining in the insurance field."

The terms of the agreement were made public yesterday at a press conference in Hotel Commodore where the signing, coming after months of negotiation, took place.

WON ELECTION Local 30 was certified as exclusive bargaining agency by the State Labor Relations Board after it won an election of Hancock agents. The pact provides safeguards against unwarranted dismissals and for a grievance procedure to settle disputes. The agreement also provides for two weeks vacation with pay after a year's service with the company.

A general membership meeting of Hancock agents Tuesday night gave unanimous approval to the agreement. At that meeting five leaders of an "independent" group joined the CIO local.

In his comment on the new pact, Haywood said that "the CIO will urge its members to patronize those companies that have signed with the office union."

The UOPWA now has agreements with a total of 15 insurance companies.

The union has won an election for the Metropolitan agents in New York City but for three years, said Berney, "the Metropolitan Life Insurance officials persist in their attacks on the agents" and have "spent hundreds of thousands of policyholders' money to fight the agents and the labor board."

The latest move of Metropolitan is to send a letter to regional office heads of the company threatening the jobs of about 400 agents. Berney sighted this as proof of "why insurance employees need their union."

The UOPWA has also won elections of the Hancock employees at Boston and Hoboken. Other elections are pending in Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

There are approximately 300,000 employees of insurance companies in

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Register Today To Vote--Amter

Total Number of Voters Throughout City Expected to Surpass Record Set in 1936 Election

Through its chairman, Israel Amter, and its campaign manager, Isidore Begun, the New York State Election Campaign Committee of the Communist Party issued a call yesterday urging all citizens in Greater New York and upstate to register in order to exercise their right to vote in the November 5 election.

"It is the people, who in the last analysis have the power to decide whether our country and State shall have war or peace," the call pointed out. "We urge every citizen to register in order to be able to vote for peace, jobs and freedom at the coming election."

The Communist Party is the only political party fighting against our involvement in the present slaughter. The Communist Party and its candidates are pledged to progressive legislation to provide jobs for the people, low-rent public housing, adequate health facilities for the people, legislation to preserve our civil rights and to curb the monopolies now preying on the workers, farmers and small businessmen.

"We urge those who desire peace, jobs and security to register and to vote for the Party that fights for their interests—the Communist Party."

Meanwhile, registration figures in the city continued to climb yesterday after a slump Tuesday due to the day-long rain. Yesterday's figure was expected to push the

total still further ahead of the previous record of 1936.

At the close of Tuesday 212,807 had registered in Manhattan as compared with 211,682 at the end of the first two days registration in 1936. Today the polling places will be open from 5 P. M. until 10:30 P. M.

They will be open again Monday, Oct. 14, from 5 P. M. to 10:30 P. M. and on Tuesday, Oct. 15 from 5 A. M. until 10:30 P. M.

Order Labor Poll

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (UP).—The National Labor Relations Board today ordered a collective bargaining election among employees in the technical and engineering departments of the World Steel Products Corp., New York City.

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Seamen Back Plea for Full Election Rights



Daily Worker Photo.

Labor Demands Free Ballot: These NMU men are shown signing their names in approval of the open letter to President Roosevelt of the Committee on Election rights demanding full protection for the rights of minority parties and citing numerous violations of these rights. The picture was taken in the NMU headquarters here at 11th Ave. and 20th St.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1940

"In the maintenance of free elections rests the complete and enduring safety of our form of government"

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Dear Mr. President:

"In the maintenance of free elections rests the complete and enduring safety of our form of government."

You spoke these great words on September 20 at the University of Pennsylvania.

We interpret the words to mean that every citizen must have the right to vote as he pleases and for whom he pleases; that every citizen is entitled to call upon the forces of government to guarantee his right to exercise his franchise without hindrance by force or intimidation.

We subscribe wholeheartedly to your statement, but we are disturbed by the facts. We are disturbed because certain Americans, with whom we may seriously disagree, are being denied the right of free election.

In many States the right of suffrage is being unlawfully withheld from Socialist, Communist, Socialist-Labor, Prohibition and various independent, minority groups.

In some States attorneys-general and secretaries of state have ruled minority parties from the ballot by arbitrary fiat without recourse to law.

Officers sworn to uphold the Constitution and the laws of the United States, have in some places encouraged vigilantes and themselves have resorted to this un-American device in the denial of suffrage rights. They have made arrests for the acknowledged purpose of preventing the fulfillment of statutory requirements to place candidates on the ballot.

A candidate for Governor has been sentenced to 15 years in prison on the charge that he misrepresented his petition, despite the fact that the face of the printed petition was in the form prescribed by law.

Petition signers have been intimidated by a Congressional committee which has made a common practice of sending them communications of seeming official character, with inevitable coercive effect.

Officials in many places have invited petition signers to repudiate their signatures under pain of losing their employment in industry. Under such intimidation signers have been induced to "withdraw" their signatures or consent to cancellation of their signatures.

Some newspapers have published the names of petition signers with the open suggestion that employers discharge the signers.

An official of Ohio ruled signatures illegal on the sole ground that he had received a number of telephone calls purporting to repudiate the signatures.

In California legislative action was taken to rule candidates of a party from the ballot. In view of what is happening, we do not believe a free election can be held on November 5, unless you take immediate steps.

We take this means of appealing to you, Mr. President, because as Chief Executive of this nation you bear a large part of the responsibility for the preservation of the Constitution of the United States.

We believe that the sanctity of the ballot and the right of every American to vote as he pleases is at stake in this matter, whether he is a Democrat, a Republican, a Socialist, a Communist, a Farmer-Laborite, a Socialist-Laborite, an American-Laborite, a Prohibitionist, a Progressive, or something else. If one or more of these parties proposes a program contrary to the interest of the nation, the remedy lies in the people's right to vote against such a party, and not in the denial of that right.

We believe that the safety of our form of government is secure so long as we preserve the rights of minorities to participate in the elections and to be defeated by a free electorate. You can do much now by speaking out against these political outrages, and by taking such official actions as are within your power.

We ask that you do this in the name of American freedom.

Respectfully yours,

COMMITTEE ON ELECTION RIGHTS—1940

DASHIELL HAMMETT, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON ELECTION RIGHTS—1940, 700 Fifth Avenue, New York City

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Rev. OWEN A. KNOX, Chairman

For Free Elections: This is a reproduction of the full page advertisement which was inserted in the New York Times yesterday by the Committee on Election Rights—1940, headed by Dashiell Hammett, prominent author, a sub-committee of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties.

Amter Scores Move for College Witch-Hunt

The reactionaries are ganging up on academic freedom. Israel Amter, Communist candidate for U. S. Senator, warned in a statement yesterday, condemning Dem-

ocratic Councilman Charles E. Keegan's resolution calling for an investigation of so-called subversive elements in the four colleges supported by the city. Keegan introduced his resolution in the City Council Tuesday, Oct. 8.

"It is not by chance," Amter stated, "that Keegan's resolution followed on the heels of the warning by President Butler of

Columbia to the faculty of that institution to agree with his pro-war program or resign their positions. It is evident that those who wish to plunge our nation into war are attempting to root out freedom of thought and speech in the schools.

"Keegan's resolution is supposedly aimed at Communism," but in reality it is aimed at terror-

ing all teachers and students who are opposed to the war hysteria and to the attempted curbs on academic freedom. If such an investigation is carried through it will end up in a wholesale attack on all progressive elements in our public schools."

Amter urged a flood of letters and telegrams by all progressive organizations.

Dreiser Flays Attack Upon Ballot Rights

Hammet, Rabbi Miller and Fraenkel Speak at Hotel Astor

Theodore Dreiser, famous novelist, yesterday delivered a scathing denunciation against the Roosevelt Administration for the nation-wide attack against election rights of minority parties. In a statement read before more than 2,000 gathered in Hotel Astor Ballroom under the auspices of the Committee on Election Rights—1940.

"The witch-hunt against minority parties and candidates cries aloud for your attention and protest," said Dreiser's statement.

Among the speakers who addressed the meeting were Dashiell Hammett, noted author; Rabbi Moses Miller, President of the Jewish Peoples Committee; Osmond Fraenkel, chairman of the Civil Liberties Committee of the National Lawyers Guild and Dr. Walter Rautenstrauch, professor at Columbia University.

The speakers voiced a strong protest against the persecution of minority party election workers and their right to get on the November ballot.

VICTIMS PRESENT

To dramatize the violations of civil rights in the election campaign, the committee brought out on the platform a group of people who have been indicted or arrested for election activities in behalf of minority parties. Also on the platform were attorneys from Massachusetts, Illinois, and West Virginia who are defending victims of the government's drive.

Those who told the audience of their experience were Miss Pauline Kasakoff, Philadelphia school teacher; Miss Polly Winters, of Youngstown; J. Tannenbaum of Philadelphia and Winifred Chappell of Kansas.

Among the attorneys who addressed the audience were Ira Silber, indicted along with a group of Communist petition collectors at Lewiston, Ill., and Harold Housley, who defended Oscar Wheeler, Communist candidate for governor of West Virginia who is in prison on a 15 year sentence for alleged "fraud" in signatures he collected.

The chairman of the meeting was Lee Hays.

In his statement, Mr. Dreiser declared in part:

"When in 28 states of the union the right to vote is limited by one manner or another, you have an illegal, unconstitutional and terrifying situation. The witch-hunt against minority parties and candidates cries aloud for your attention and protest. Attend and protest. Demand that the polls be given back to the people. Let us choose our own candidates and our own parties and our own officials and our own future."

HITS ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH

Mr. Dreiser took a hefty swing at President Roosevelt's Sept. 20 speech in Philadelphia, wherein he declared that "no dictator in history has ever dared to run the gamut of a really free election."

"That is quite true," the noted writer's statement read. "Mr. Roosevelt is quite correct in his German history. Hitler limited the use of the ballot before he rode into power, and destroyed the democratic franchise altogether once he got in."

"But Mr. Roosevelt neglected to say that there is in America a growing number of little Hitlers trying, in obedience to the order of their corporation masters who want a corporatist dictatorship in America, to do the same things."

Mr. Dreiser charged that if the people of Texas were permitted to vote as they please that Rep. Martin Dies, whom he called "that paragon of liberty and democracy" would never be returned to office. He said that Dies, "the Stork Club detective J. Edgar Hoover, Mr. Hague of Jersey City and too many of our elected Senators and Congressmen, are trying, at the order of these privileged few—our 80 families—to imitate Hitler by trying to destroy the right of free elections."

Portland Furniture Workers Switch to CIO

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 9 (FP).—Employees of the Doernbecher Mfg. Co., biggest furniture factory in the state, voted 765 to 17 to shift their affiliation from AFL to CIO and become a part of the United Furniture Workers. UPW Pres. Morris Muster came here to welcome the workers into the CIO union.

The men, who have been through a number of strikes and lockouts, were formerly affiliated with a local of the Bro. of Painters, Decorators & Paperhangers.

Strong-Arm Men Break Up Rank & File I L A Rally

Ryan's Men Recognized Among Mobsters Who Attacked Meeting of Brooklyn Rank and File Longshoremen

A mass meeting marking the opening of the new headquarters of the Rank and File of the International Longshoremen's Association, was broken up yesterday and several persons were injured, when a group of men recognized as strongarm men of Joseph P. Ryan, the union's president and Emil Cammaro, his Brooklyn leader, invaded it.

The free-for-all in which chairs were flying and a store window was smashed, took place at 175 Columbia St., Brooklyn.

Pete Mazze, leader of the Rank and File, who opened the meeting, was so badly injured that he had to be taken to a hospital.

CAMERA SMASHED

A photographer of PM who took a full view of the burly man who stepped up to Mazze and attacked him, was beaten and his camera was smashed.

Mazze replaced Pete Panta as head of the Rank and File. Panta's disappearance over a year ago is still a mystery.

In opening the meeting of several hundred in the long narrow store, Mazze said:

"We are carrying the fight that Pete Panta led, and if there are any phobias in this audience who think they can stop this fight they have another guess coming."

At that point the husky man marched forward to Mazze and asked "What do you mean phobias?" Others jumped up from various parts of the hall and immediately there was a free for all. Because the store was so narrow it was difficult for the audience to get out. As a consequence the store window was smashed.

ASKED PROTECTION

It was about a half hour before the first policeman arrived on the scene. Spokesmen of the Rank and File said that they had made several requests during the day for police protection; but to no avail. The last request was made just as the meeting was about to open.

When police arrived, the Rank and File's committee put the chairs into order again and the meeting was resumed.

Mazze was injured too seriously to continue in the chair. As the ambulance was taking him away he said "this is the work of Ryan and Cammaro."

He said he recognized two of Cammaro's brothers among the strongarm men and several other of the reactionary's henchmen. The men were identified to the police, who however were very reluctant to make arrests and made none immediately.

One-Day Strike Wins Closed Shop For Local 65

Following a one-day strike Local 65, United Wholesale and Warehouse Employees, CIO, signed a closed shop contract with Thalheimer Bros. 251 W. 39th St., distributors of buttons.

The eight employees receive two weeks vacation with pay, two weeks sick leave; 42 weekly increase and other improvements.

At the Sterling-Button Co. the strike entered its eighth week. In that establishment, Louis Dworkin, manager of Local 99, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, signed a contract as Local 65 was negotiating. With the majority of the regular employees striking, strikebreakers placed by Dworkin are crossing the picket line.

Appeals Court Gets Furriers Anti-Trust Case

The U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday reserved decision on the appeal of Ben Gold and ten other leaders and members of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union, CIO, convicted early this year on a Sherman Anti-Trust Law charge.

The conviction brought in after an eight-week trial, hung on the claim that support of strikers of a New Jersey firm by members of the fur union in New York constituted "restraint of trade."

Cleveland Rally To Hear Minor

(Special to the Daily Worker) CLEVELAND, Oct. 9.—Robert Minor, member of the national committee of the Communist Party, will be the principal speaker at a mass election campaign rally tomorrow night at 8 P.M. in the Music Hall Public Auditorium.

Special arrangements have been made to bring the coast-to-coast radio address of Earl Browder, candidate for President, to the audience.

Mass delegations of workers from nearly all northern Ohio cities will be present at the rally.

54 Million Bonus Given To Bethlehem

Gov't to Build Bigger Plant; Steel Co. to Get All the Profits

(Continued from Page 1)

River Shipbuilding yards at Quincy, Mass.

This happens to be just the plant where the Circuit Court found that the company had been guilty of violating the Wagner Act.

And this also happens to be the plant which a month ago received contracts for shipbuilding totalling \$512,874,000.

Knox's announcement was considered a resounding slap in the face for CIO and A. F. of L. labor unions which have been demanding that the government withhold contracts from firms which violate the Wagner Act. And it is possible that this new step may lead to a sharp and speedy showdown between the CIO and the administration over the entire issue.

AN ARROGANT ANSWER

Together with Assistant Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, Knox yesterday told the Smith Committee that the War and Navy departments would continue to hand out contracts to firms which have been held guilty of breaking labor laws.

Labor Defense Commissioner Sidney Hillman and Attorney General Jackson followed up by informing the committee that they never intended to say anything which could be interpreted to mean that contracts should be barred from labor law violators.

All of the fine talk and the resounding statements about requiring compliance with the law evaporated into thin air when it came to a showdown before the committee.

Defense Commissioner William S. Knudsen, former General Motors chief, went even further than other government officials last night and refused to accept Jackson's definition that a Labor Board decision was binding until upset by the courts.

He insisted that only a company could not be guilty while its appeal was pending in the courts.

With the new award to Bethlehem Steel today, the administration revealed however, that this entire argument about waiting for a court decision has been specious because there is obviously no intention to abide by what the courts say.

In another important decision the Circuit Court of Appeals at Cincinnati yesterday upheld the Labor Board ruling that the Ford Motor Company had violated the Wagner Act.

Observers here were interested to see whether government agencies would pay as little attention to this decision as they had to the Bethlehem decision.

Bethlehem Steel received more than half of the total of \$99,961,146 which Secretary Knox announced would be given to companies to expand their facilities.

For ordnance facilities consisting of buildings, machine tools and furnaces, the company received \$22,697,000.

Another big chunk of \$13,427,500 went to the Fore River plant of Bethlehem—where the Circuit Court had found the company guilty of violating the Wagner Act.

THE "AWARDS"

The company received \$10,013,000 for the Rison-Union plant, \$2,756,000 for the San Pedro plant and \$2,706,000 for the plant at Staten Island. These three contributions and the one to the Fore River plant are for building wharves, shipbuilding slips, tools and equipment.

While the government will technically hold title to these facilities, this is considered a mere formality since Bethlehem Steel will run the plants and make profits from them.

Today's bonus to Bethlehem Steel topped the awarding of more than \$1,000,000,000 in armaments contracts to the company in the last year.

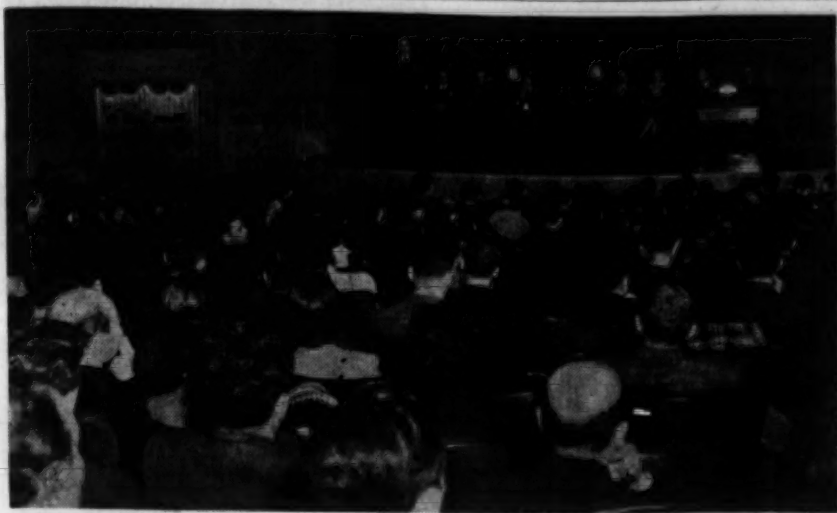
Since July 1, Bethlehem has received \$846,620,475 and the company actually got more than \$600,000,000 of these contracts after the Defense Commission had put out its resounding statement of labor policy.

Other prominent Wagner Act violators which have received big government contracts include General Motors, Swift & Co., Phelps-Dodge Corporation, Matheson Alkali Works, E. I. duPont and Company and the Ford Motor Co.

Churchill Elected to Head Conservatives

LONDON, Oct. 9 (UP).—Prime Minister Winston Churchill was elected leader of the Conservative Party by a unanimous vote today. Churchill's election occurred at a private London meeting of Conservative members of Commons and the House of Lords. Churchill's was the only name submitted. He succeeded

Unions Seek Draft Safeguard; Push Fight on Economic Demands



Internes Weigh Draft: Anxious lest the draft act disorganize medical education, 500 internes and medical students, members of the Internes Council of America and the Association of Medical Students, met here Tuesday night to demand passage of the Murray bill to grant medical students an opportunity to complete their training if drafted and other safeguards for their profession and the nation's health. Above is a general view of the meeting at the Academy of Medicine. The speaker is Dr. Jack Nelson.

Internes Act to Guard Medical Standards Menaced by Draft

500 Meet Here, Demand Passage of Murray Bill to Protect Doctor's Education and Nation's Health

More than 500 aroused internes and medical students, confronted with the prospect of interruption to their medical educations and consequent disruption of adequate medical care to the nation due to the passage of the Burke-Wadsworth conscription bill, met here Tuesday night and heard an interne-student committee tell of the complete run-around it got when it presented this problem to national defense officials in Washington.

The meeting expressed unanimous approval of the Murray Bill to amend the draft act by exempting medical students and internes until they have completed their medical education, by providing that all graduate physicians be given full officers' commissions if conscripted and that equal treatment be accorded to graduates of any accredited medical schools.

The young doctors and students are members of the Internes Council of America and of the Association of Medical Students, both young and rapidly growing organizations which cooperate closely. The meeting was held at the Academy of Medicine, 103rd St. and Fifth Ave.

Dr. Jack Nelson of New York, national corresponding secretary of the Internes Council, and Thomas L. Perry, Jr., national president of the Association of Medical Students, reported on the visit of the six internes and students to Washington. Perry also declared that the whole question of conscription is arousing the widest interest among medical students throughout the nation as they face the prospect of being called into the army and their medical careers being wrecked.

NO DEFERMENTS
Of the rounds the committee made in Washington of defense officials in an effort to learn if any measures were intended to protect the standard of medical education under the draft act, Perry said:

"The main thing we found out was that the selective service bill does not provide for deferment from service for any group but ministers."

He said the committee called upon the executive assistant to the Surgeon General, "and it took us about three hours to get our questions answered." The answers, he reported, were largely evasions in which the official, Dr. Crabtree, admitted that the law does not make any special provisions for the protection of medical education and even that "the decision rests with the army and navy" as to whether or not internes and medical students may not be drafted for regular non-medical army duty as hospital orderlies, stretcher bearers or even as ordinary soldiers.

NO SCHOOL GUARANTEE
Dr. Crabtree also told the committee, "There is no guarantee that medical students will regain their places in medical schools, since they are not employed."

Mr. Perry said the same answers were given by Col. A. G. Love of the Surgeon General's office at the War Department, except that Col. Love was forced to admit that the army will refuse to give medical commissions to graduates of for-

sign medical schools. The students and internes are demanding equal treatment for graduates of all accredited medical schools, regardless of whether the doctors studied in the U. S. or abroad.

In contrast with the indifferent treatment they received from government officials, Perry said they found exactly the opposite when they talked to medical students and internes.

"We went to Emergency Hospital," he said, "and were soon surrounded by a group of internes who wanted to know all about our mission. In less than 45 minutes a unit of the Internes Council was formed there although we hadn't gone there exactly for the purpose of organizing."

Dr. Nelson said "we went to Washington because we wanted to know where we stood under the Burke-Wadsworth bill so that we may be able to plan our careers and because we are interested in the medical welfare of this nation."

SHORTAGE OF INTERNES
"To give you an idea of the magnitude of the problem, the greatest segment of the sick people in America are served by its 7,000 internes. And there are now perhaps half as many internes as there should be."

The young doctor pointed to the "case history" of the last war to show what the effect of disruption of the medical service was upon the health of nations.

"In the last war 40 percent of the internes of five leading Chicago hospitals were drafted and the same proportion applied in other major cities . . . the flu epidemics of 1917 and 1918 came found us short of sufficient physicians."

In England he said the spread of epidemics made it necessary for the British army to reverse its policy and call medical students home from the trenches to finish their educations while frantic calls were made to America and other countries to "borrow" doctors to help them in their emergency.

SPONSOR BILL

Both speakers told of the committee's sponsorship of a bill to provide protection for students and internes. The bill was drafted by the committee and introduced by Senator Murray of Montana. The bill provides:

1. Medical and dental students, internes and residents should not be subject to conscription until they complete their education and hospital training.
2. Graduate physicians and dentists, when conscripted, should be inducted only as commissioned medical and dental officers, not

as medical orderlies nor in non-medical capacities.

3. Graduate physicians who are licensed to practice in any State of the Union and who are liable to conscription should be granted equal consideration for commissions as Medical Officers, regardless of the school by which they were graduated.

The meeting voted unanimously to send telegrams to Senator Morris Shepard and Rep. Andrew May, heads of the Senate and House Military Affairs Committee, urging immediate action upon the bill.

Hundreds of red, white and blue buttons were sold at the meeting bearing the legend:

"Defend America's Health by Passing the Murray Bill."

Dr. Nelson observed that the buttons were "guaranteed not to look either like a Willie button or a Roosevelt button."

NMU Asks for Real Safety Laws at Sea

Urges National Safety Council to Back Union Stand

The National Maritime Union yesterday asked the Marine Section of the National Safety Council to support a three-point safety program for American ships in the interests of national defense.

It dispatched to the convention, now in session at the Stevens Hotel in Chicago, a 4,000-word report by National Organizer, Frederick N. Myers, prepared recently for the United States Maritime Commission.

The three-point program calls for amendments to the Navigation Laws to provide the following:

1—Uniform manning scales for all American ships, graduated according to size and construction.
2—A single enforcement and supervisory agency for the navigation laws; and
3—Stringent penalties for violations of the navigation laws, with remission of fines forbidden.

THE 'BEST DEFENSE'

"We will be told," Myers said, "that national defense will suffer if the present manning scales are increased or if other safety measures are invoked."

"We don't believe this. We believe just the opposite. Safe ships and safe working conditions, far from being a menace to our national defense, will be a definite asset."

"The best defense the merchant marine can have, the best defense the nation can have, is an army of well-paid workers, fortified by civil liberties, and working under decent humane conditions."

Kansas City Labor Beats Police Fingerprinting

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 9 (FP).—High-handed police methods here received a setback when the circuit court ruled that the cops could not fingerprint suspected persons.

Cliff Langsdale, representing 72 officers and members of labor unions, sued for an injunction to stop the practice. He argued that only convicted felons may be fingerprinted and the court agreed.

California CIO Asks Repeal Of Draft Law

Convention Closes with Unanimity on Lewis' Program

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SAN DIEGO, Oct. 9.—The third annual convention of the California CIO Council closed here with more than 300 delegates in harmonious agreement on the entire CIO program advocated by John L. Lewis.

Keynote of the 1941 CIO program was sounded by California CIO Director Harry Bridges, who told the Convention that stronger and broadened organization into industrial unions is the working and living conditions of American wage earners. This more powerful union base, Bridges said, is the structure on which alone can be founded the effective political and legislative activities which can guarantee to all workers security in their economic gains, continued freedom in exercise of traditional American civil liberties, and avoidance of involvement in foreign wars.

Kathryn Lewis, brought warm greetings to the delegates from the President of the CIO. Miss Lewis warned the delegates that "anyone who is around Washington these days knows that certain things have to be fought for—and fought for hard. People in Washington are not thinking of the things the American people want, but of wars and rumors of wars to come."

FDR BACKING DEFEATED

Sole Convention controversy was on a proposal brought in by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, Los Angeles local, to unqualifiedly endorse President Roosevelt for a third term. In lengthy discussion marked for its tolerance and spirit of CIO solidarity, a minority committee report, a minority vote, was defeated by a three-to-one vote. Both before and after the balloting Morris Zussman, leader of the pro-Roosevelt forces, declared: "We were in the CIO yesterday. We are in the CIO today. We will be in the CIO tomorrow."

The large three-to-one majority of the delegates were convinced of the desertion by Roosevelt of his own New Deal, as indicated in acceptance by the Convention of the majority committee report. The report quoted chapter and verse in the long series of backdowns from enforcement of New Deal legislation such as the Walsh-Healey Act, Wage Hour Act, and Wages and Hours Law. Repeal of the Burke-Wadsworth Conscription bill was declared the prime point in the fight to restore and defend American civil liberties.

Oil Union Drive Gets CIO Backing

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (IGN).—With an enthusiastic send-off from CIO President John L. Lewis and Allan Haywood, director of organization, officers of the Oil Workers International Union launched plans for an intensive organizing drive, whose first point of concentration will be in Texas.

It will be a coordinated drive with both the National Maritime Union and the oil workers participating. The NMU already has agreements covering some of the oil tankers which enter Texas ports. It will cooperate closely with the oil workers in spreading organization among the oil companies' maritime employees while the oil workers concentrate on the refinery, pipe line and oil field workers.

PM Signs Pact With News Guild

Publishers of PM yesterday signed a contract with the American Newspaper Guild covering 225 editorial and commercial employees of the paper.

Nat. Einhorn, executive secretary of the New York Guild, signed for the union; Ralph Ingersoll, publisher, signed for PM.

The pact provides for a full union shop, five-day 40-hour week and scales of wages running approximately as those of the Daily News, \$70 minimum for rewrite and desk men and corresponding scales for the others.

CIO Wins Labor Board Poll in Dep't Store Here

The CIO entered another large department store in New York City with announcement yesterday that Stern Bros. employees voted for the Department Store Workers Organizing Committee 283 against 166.

The election Tuesday followed a long organizing drive. Among the stores which the CIO already has under contract through locals of the United Wholesale and Retail Employees, are Hearn's, Gimbels, Sachs 34th St., Norton, Bloomingdale's and certain divisions of Macy's.

Trapped Miner's Log Describes How 63 Slowly Died in Sonman Disaster

EBENSBURG, Pa., Oct. 9 (UP).—A dispassionate log of death kept by one of the 63 miners killed in the Sonman mine explosion last July 15 tells how the trapped miners "are going to sleep very easily."

The log, written by Jay Smith, recounts the six long hours he lived in the underground chamber wrecked by an explosion which trapped and killed 63 men.

It was found by investigators and revealed today by W. Stephen Mayer, District Attorney of Cambria County.

The log, as written in a notebook, follows:
"10:50 A. M.—Explosion occurred. Men did not know where to go or what to do. We all piled into motor road."

"11:45 A. M.—We all sat down. Men began complaining about headache."

"2:00 P. M.—Still quiet. No dust visible outside barricade."

"2:30 P. M.—Two men went out to heading. Came back, reported cool air but smelled like dynamite smoke from mud cap. Debated whether to go or stay. Two men went out and got bug bite. Men afraid to light it."

"2:40 P. M.—Ears were ringing. Head was aching to beat hell."

"2:50 P. M.—Went down to where Monteith (mine foreman) and men had barrier. My headache is fierce. . . . Not sleepy."

"4:30 P. M.—Am now parted rite here. I am beginning to smell the dynamite smoke. . . . Air is getting bad. I believe it's all up."

"4:35 P. M.—Monteith the foreman is in bad shape. . . . Think he is done. . . . I have given up all hope. . . . The boys are going to sleep very easily. Only all nervous."

(At this point Smith wrote his will, assigning his property to a brother, Theodore.)

"4:45 P. M.—They are going fast now. . . . The bug light is still burning. . . . Men are moving. . . . All weak as kato."

The writing trailed off into a few illegible scrawls, apparently as Smith lapsed into unconsciousness.

District Attorney Mayer made the log of death public after conferring with state officials as to whether criminal prosecutions should be instituted. Further conferences will be held.

A coroner's jury cited negligence of three mine officials in its findings several weeks ago.

CIO Council For Chicago Is Pushed

Conference Takes Steps to Secure Charter from Board

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Oct. 9.—Formation of a Chicago CIO Industrial Union Council was being pushed forward here today following a city-wide meeting last Sunday attended by practically every CIO union.

The 275 delegates and visitors who met in the headquarters of the United Farm Equipment Workers Union represented 23 international unions and 62 locals. Every international except the Amalgamated Clothing Workers was officially represented.

The conference took steps to secure a charter from the CIO Executive Board. While full support was given to the moves being made to form a state CIO council, it was pointed out that that would not lessen the need for a Chicago council. Until the charter is granted, the present provisional committee to form a CIO council will continue its work.

Full support was voted for the policies of John L. Lewis by the delegates.

The parley received messages from 58 state, city and county CIO bodies throughout the country, commending its action and citing the advantages of forming such a council. A. E. Stevenson, secretary of the Cleveland CIO Industrial Union Council, addressed the conference.

Shoe Workers Sue for Unpaid Overtime Wage

READING, Pa., Oct. 9 (FP).—Harvey Haddad, a former employee of the Beckerman Shoe Corp., Kutztown, sued the firm Oct. 5 for \$995.84, or twice the sum he claims due for unpaid overtime wages. It was the first suit of its kind in Berks county.

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OPEN EVENINGS and SUNDAY

CIO Union Here Moves to Safeguard Draftees' Jobs

Furniture Local to Ask Guarantee to Be Included in All Contracts—Members Will Keep Good Standing If Drafted

In accordance with a decision of the Joint Council of Furniture Union, Local 7-B, CIO, for protection of the jobs of members who are conscripted, the Union has written to all the employers asking that they include in the agreements with the union, a clause guaranteeing reinstatement on jobs with full rights, upon the return of the draftees.

The Joint Council also decided training the men will not have to pay dues to the union and will remain good standing members.

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Broadcast

TONIGHT at ten-fifteen, Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President of the United States will speak to the nation for the third time over a coast-to-coast radio network.

We have scores of letters from every part of the country defending Browder's right to speak—and applauding what he had to say. A San Francisco worker sums up a lot of sentiment when he writes:

"There are many of us, and I happen to be employed in a place that is 100% union, who don't necessarily agree with everything the Communists stand for, but who will fight to the bitter end to see that they are heard . . . I hope that in the near future we may be able to hear Mr. Browder again . . . in these days when the Democrats and Republicans are holding a love fest at the expense of the majority of people, it is a healthy thing to see a new political party gaining strength because of its defense of just those things the other parties are forgetting or destroying . . ."

Thanks to the financial contributions we have been receiving, that worker in San Francisco and workers throughout the country will have a chance to hear Earl Browder again tomorrow night. BUT WHETHER THEY HEAR BROADCASTS Nos. 4 and 5 DEPENDS ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS WE RECEIVE IN THE NEXT 48 HOURS.

Therefore we suggest that everyone listening in tomorrow night, take paper and pen and some folding money and mail a contribution to the Election Campaign Committee, 35 E. 12th St., New York City.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1940

Mr. Willkie Asks A Question

Wendell L. Willkie struck a brave pose in New York Tuesday night and charged the Roosevelt administration with not telling the truth on international affairs.

Then the Republican candidate challenged the White House to inform the American people now whether the administration has any secret understandings "about America's entrance into the war."

Since the utilities agent has been an echo of Mr. Roosevelt on foreign affairs, it may be asked: Why does he put such questions to the White House at this moment?

The heat of the contest over who shall represent Wall Street in the conduct of the government is reaching a more sizzling temperature. The Republican candidate knows that it is precisely such a question as to secret commitments for war which is on the minds of the American people. They recall the secret arrangements into which Woodrow Wilson had entered, while he was piously mouthing "peace" phrases.

They are wondering if the bellicose Roosevelt has not made similar commitments to rush into the war. Willkie hopes to serve as a lightning rod to attract the people—on the basis of this concern—to his own candidacy.

Mr. Willkie knows the answer to his question ahead of time—even though the White House will never give the true answer. What is "all aid to Britain," pray, but a guarantee to plunge this country into war on the side of London? Willkie has forwarded that slogan and that campaign as much as has Roosevelt—and both of them have as their objective to hasten America into the shambles.

Such is naively confessed by Turner Catledge, Washington correspondent, in an article in the New York Times of Oct. 6 entitled "Will America Take a More Active Role in War?" "If Washington knew positively today whether the President for the next four years would be Franklin D. Roosevelt or Wendell Willkie," Mr. Catledge says, "the expectations for the future so far as the war is concerned would hardly change fundamentally."

To which Mr. Catledge adds: "The striking similarity between the foreign policies of Roosevelt and the proposed steps of Mr. Willkie contributes immediately to such a belief of course."

It is evident that the American people can put no trust in either of the candidates of the major political parties. The people will have to forge their own independent political position—free from fealty to either the Republican or Democratic parties—in order to stop involvement in the war.

Dorothy Makes A Great Decision

Dorothy Thompson, the effervescent columnist of the Republican Herald Tribune, yesterday came out for Franklin D. Roosevelt for President.

The lady commentator admits that she did not like the Roosevelt of the New Deal—when the President was responding in some small measure to the pressure of the people. But the Roosevelt of 1940, who is set on "all aid to Britain" and on imperialist war, is much to Dorothy's liking. She is now for the occupant of the White House so that he may "see this thing through."

From one more quarter, therefore, we receive confirmation of the agreement of the Republican and Democratic parties on carrying the people into the war. Miss Thompson is one of the most excited of the warmongers.

The lady columnist is also much concerned (as she admits) that there be no real campaign over fundamental issues. She warns against any show of "disunity or division." She asks that there be "no virulent attack on Mr. Willkie." In a word, she wants to smother all the real problems of the people so that they cannot be discussed.

Her fellow-columnist, Walter Lippmann, has been emitting similar warnings. There is a great fear in the Big Business camp that in the scrap for the spoils of office and for the juicy job of representing the monopoly interests in Washington, the candidates may blurt out a few truths. Mr. Lippmann goes so far in his pleadings for a sh-sh policy that he that he is campaigning for both Roosevelt and Willkie at one and same time—which reminds us that Dorothy originally favored a Roosevelt-Willkie ticket in straight-out Hitler fashion.

The confessions of Dorothy Thompson and her adhesion to Roosevelt are one more proof that the people have nothing in common with either of the candidates of the major political parties. Her effusions give added emphasis to the need for opposition by the people to both Tweedledum and Tweedledee.

Ford's 'Free Speech' Kills Workers' Civil Rights

Orders to the Ford Motor Corporation to reinstate 23 employees—who had been discharged because of unionism—will give undoubted encouragement to the drive to organize the big Open Shop citadel.

The accompanying decision that the corporation must "cease and desist" from intimidating members of the United Automobile Workers will also have a beneficial effect. To that extent the action of the Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati is all to the good. The judges could not close their eyes entirely to the insistence of the American people that the Fifth Columnist of Ford Dearborn be compelled to grant unionism to his employees.

In declaring, however, that the Ford Motor Corporation has "the right" to distribute anti-union pamphlets to its employees, the court has aimed a blow at civil liberties. In the name of "free speech" for Ford, it sanctions the snuffing out of free speech for the workers. Such a decision cannot be allowed to stand.

Every one who is familiar with the practices of the big anti-labor employers knows full well that pamphlets such as Ford has been distributing are an intimidation in themselves. This "literature" is handed out by goons, whose very presence is a reminder to the worker that he may be the next victim of the scandalous murder and beatings which have characterized the conduct of the Ford Company.

Ford's exercise of "free speech," under such circumstances is at one with Hitler's "plebiscites."

Labor will have to see to it that such a flagrant violation of the workers' rights, as is contained in the Cincinnati decision, is reversed. At the same time, the trade unions can help to cancel Ford's arrogant distortion of "free speech" by giving all aid and support to the CIO campaign to unionize his giant company.

The People Do Not Agree with Sokolsky

Earl Browder's Boston speech, with its call for friendly relations between the United States, the Soviet Union and China as the keystone for any foreign policy to protect the peace and interests of America, certainly struck home. Evidence of this is to be found not only in the warm response of the people to the speech, but also in the viciousness with which a section of the capitalist class attacks it.

One of these attacks, by George Sokolsky in the N. Y. Sun, is highly revealing. (Incidentally, Sokolsky attacks not only Browder, but also such non-Communists as Rep. Sabath of Illinois for advocating closer relations between this country and the Soviet Union.) Sokolsky openly states that "it is preferable to go down to defeat than to be victorious as the ally" of the Soviet Union. He declares that "it is preferable to suffer the agonies of a prolonged world war than to accept peace as a bounty from Stalin."

The American ruling class may indeed be prepared to go into a prolonged world war and even to suffer defeat rather than co-operate with the great workingclass state, the Soviet Union. (The British and French ruling classes also preferred a prolonged war; that is why France did go "down to defeat" and why bombs are now raining down upon the innocent British and German people). But if this is the sentiment of the rulers of this country, it is not shared by the common people. The average American is not willing to be plunged into war. Nor is he willing to see his country "go down in defeat." He is thinking more and more of the possibility and necessity of working with the Soviet Union and the Chinese people for peace.

The Daily Worker as a Weapon in Election Campaign

During the past ten days at least six Communist election meetings were held in New York and vicinity in which the Daily Worker was not made available. This is a very strange phenomenon when one considers the invaluable service of the Daily Worker in support of the Communist candidates in the election.

Outstanding leaders of the Communist Party spoke at all of these six meetings. Two of the meetings were addressed by James W. Ford, one in New Rochelle, the other in Harlem; one of the meetings was addressed by Robert Minor and two featured Peter Cacchione as the chief speaker. All of these meetings offered an excellent opportunity for spreading the Daily Worker.

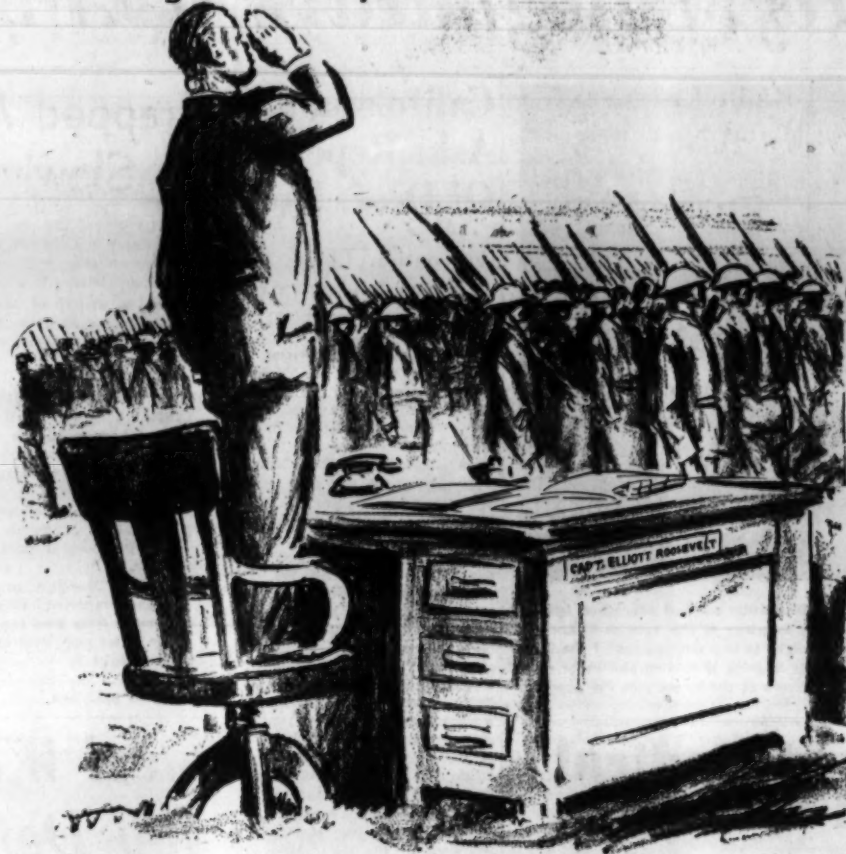
As Roy Hudson pointed out in a recent issue of the Daily Worker, one of the major tasks of the Communist Party in the present election in which the C. P. will seek to register the opposition of the American people to the war policies of Roosevelt and Willkie, is to build the circulation of the Daily and Sunday Worker.

However, Hudson made clear, "if we register an increased vote in the elections without having increased the sale of the Daily Worker, we will not have accomplished all our objectives."

The Daily Worker is a splendid weapon in this crucial election campaign. It must be utilized to the full, and its influence extended, in the present struggle of the American people for peace, jobs and security.

Reviewing His Troops

by Ellis



100 Los Angeles Youths Form a Club, Derisively Stating 'I Wanna Be a Captain'

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 9.—"Please Elliott, fix me up as a captain too." With this ridicule of Elliott Roosevelt's captaincy appointment in the U. S. Army many Los Angeles automobiles may soon be adorned.

The idea in mind, backed by 100 charter members of the local "I Wanna Be a Captain Club," is to flood Los Angeles with the derisive stickers and to recruit members into the club.

The younger Roosevelt's actions found their way into a ditty, too, as the following lines were produced here:

"Captain Kee Wee of the desk brigade,
 The son of the President that money made.
 He fits in his seat in an office chair,

Far removed from the bugle's blast.
 Behind the ramparts of his desk
 He wins the medals on his chest.
 He draws top pay from the USA.
 We need men like him the people say.

For men may die and men may moan,
 But you'll never hear our hero groan.
 The desk his horse, a pen his gun.
 Our hero never hears a drum."

RUSH BUSINESS
 Steve White was the organizer of the club here and now finds the curb outside his home lined with automobiles waiting to get their stickers.

The University of California at Los Angeles found itself flooded with leaflets deriding the Elliott Roosevelt appointment which will

be further taken over the coals by an auxiliary for wives and sweethearts to the "I Wanna Be a Captain Club."

Not willing to leave any loophole in their plans to receive a commission in the army similar to the younger Roosevelt's, the conscription age youth's sent the following wire to the President's only son (John) who doesn't have a commission—yet.

"In case you haven't received a commission, we solicit your membership and support in helping all of us obtain captains' commissions in some branch of the service."

In his first speech, young White said that "all of us like Elliott, are eligible for conscription and it would help the general morale to know that we would receive the same consideration as the President's son."

Teachers, Parents, Unions Denounce Mayor's '\$1.00 Limit' on Social Building

(Continued from Page 1)

constitute the most sound and indestructible basis for such defense. "What does this \$1 budget contribute toward the defense of our people? What do overcrowded schools and hospitals, inadequate library, transportation and play facilities add to the strengthening of the physical and moral fibre of our people?"

ASK \$40,000,000
 The CIO spokesman suggested that the Planning Commission should "exercise the duty of informing the Mayor and the Board of Estimate that in your considered judgement an appropriation of at least \$40,000,000 is needed to meet the most urgent and immediate needs for next year."

The proposed budget, which under LaGuardia's so-called defense economy orders eliminates all funds for new construction, totals \$87,347,746.78. This compares with the total of \$123,679,106.02 in the 1940 capital budget when first proposed by the commission last October.

It was pointed out by Blumberg that total appropriation requests submitted to the commission by department heads for next year's budget aggregated \$148,000,000.

Dr. Bella Dodd, legislative spokesman for Teachers Union, Local 5, A.F.L., denounced the Mayor's \$1 limit for new projects as "bad for morale" of the people.

"We need more than ships and guns," she said discussing the national defense feature of the budget. "We need improved education and welfare facilities."

Dr. Dodd told the commission that instead of appropriating a limited sum for the purchase of sites for future construction of eleven public schools, the budget should carry an additional \$19,000,000 for immediate construction of these schools.

SPEAKS FOR PARENTS

Leading a large group of parents of children of school age, Mrs. Jacob Schechter, president of the United Parents Association, denounced the proposed budget as one leaving the schools "practically the status quo of last year without any provision for future building or replacement."

Mrs. Schechter assailed the Mayor's \$1 limit on new building and said the organizations she represented "insists that it is incumbent on this Planning Commission to indicate other sources of income to cover the costs of these minimum essentials."

She urged that \$500,000 proposed to demolish World's Fair buildings, should be stricken from the budget

and that many of the buildings be used to provide for a year or two temporary quarters for much-needed vocational training schools.

Mary Luciel McGorkey, president of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, CIO, insisted that funds be provided in the budget for 5,000 new beds in city hospitals.

She protested the fact that funds for the repair of old elevators in the hospitals had been eliminated from the proposed appropriations.

ASKS WELFARE CENTER

Early during the hearing Welfare Commissioner William Hodson appeared to appeal to the commission to keep in the budget a \$71,000 item recommended for construction of a Harlem welfare center. The Citizens Budget Commission, a real estate organization, urged the commission to eliminate this project and more than \$500,000 for other social projects.

Councilman Salvatore Ninno, old guard A.L.P., Bronx, appeared at the hearing, but he failed to criticize the Mayor's \$1 limitation for new projects.

He said he spoke for property owners of the northeast Bronx who were urging construction of the proposed Burke Ave. spur to the Eighth Ave. subway.

He stated he agreed a "new emergency forbade any new building" and, with sober face, urged that the Mayor's proposed \$1 be allocated to the subway.

Urging a still lower budget, Joseph Goldsmith, of the Taxpayers Federation, put his arguments strictly on a war basis.

"National defense can only be sustained by sweat and labor," he barked. "The boys can't fight bare-handed against 30-ton tanks. If war comes the costs may be many times higher than they are now."

Goldsmith demanded that, to meet the higher costs, municipal services be reduced to even a greater extent than they are cut in the present proposed budget.

The Planning Commission announced it will consider changes suggested and finally adopt the budget at a public meeting not later than Nov. 1. It will then be submitted to the Board of Estimate, the City Council and the Comptroller.

Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

DR. WALLOP'S POLL OF PRIVATE OPINION

[News Item—Dr. Gallup declares his investigators find that fewer people signify their intention of voting for Earl Browder this year than in 1936.]

One of Dr. Wallop's investigators rings the door bell. A working man opens the door.

INVESTIGATOR—Good evening, Mr. Thompson. I represent Dr. Wallop's Poll of Private Opinion. We are now trying to find out how many people, if any, intend to vote for the minority parties and for Earl Browder in particular. Now I hope your feelings aren't hurt at my suggesting that you might be considering voting Communist. After all, this is an impartial poll and we have to ask the question. Besides it seems that some people actually are interested in Browder. For example, I hear that over in Pennsylvania some persons lost their jobs after they signed Communist nominating petitions and the newspapers printed their names and addresses. Of course, I don't know for a fact that they really did lose their jobs, but that's what Bill Swift was telling me. You know Swift? But of course you do; he's your foreman over at the mill, isn't he? Great fellow—Bill. Known him for years. We get together regularly to chew the fat. He tells me about the mill and the union you boys are trying to organize and I tell him about my work for Dr. Wallop. Of course, I have to keep the views of the people I interview strictly confidential, so you can trust me not to tell Bill in case you are thinking of voting for this Browder fellow. I know Bill wouldn't understand; he's excitable and has strong views of his own. He's not scientific the way we Wallop men have to be. Anyway, we never breathe a word of these things—especially since the state legislature is considering a bill to bar Communists from possessing copies of the Constitution without a license. Not that a person who votes Communist is necessarily a Communist himself—but I wouldn't want to take any chances and give out names because you never can tell. Of course, if the legislature should subpoena me and demand names and addresses, naturally I—but I hardly think that's likely. After all this is a free country and we have free elections. Well, Mr. Thompson, here I am talking your ear off and forgetting all about what I came for. But it will take only a couple of seconds more because I already have your name, address and place of employment written down. Now, all I have to know, Mr. Thompson, is whether you are voting for a minority candidate and who it will be.

WORKER—No apology needed for talking so much, Mister. You've given me plenty to think about and I'm sure it will help me make up my mind just how to vote. I'm a strange guy, Mr. Investigator; sometimes I don't know who I'm going to vote for until I find myself right in the old polling booth and look over the names and see if they've put my man on the ballot.

Gordon Kay wants to know if that "New Order" the Japanese speak about for Asia is a New Order of war materials from the United States.

O CAPTAIN! BRAVE CAPTAIN!
 (Dedicated to Captain Elliott Roosevelt)
 O captain! brave captain!
 What martial legions hast thou led?
 What tyrant feared thy vengeful tread?
 What noble foemen didst thou meet
 Midst shot and shell of battle's heat?
 No victor's wreath adorns thy shield
 To prove thy prowess in the field;
 No minstrel spreads thy hero's fame,
 No sculptor carves in stone thy name,
 O captain! brave captain!

H. ZUCKERMAN.

"Dictator Hater" is the way the Daily News titles a picture of the President. But the way Roosevelt is playing the Willkie game these days, that title may soon require a comma in the middle.

Stan Lewis writes: "My six-year-old nephew thought that the Major Hoople cartoon was placed on the wrong page of the papers the other day until I showed him that he was only looking at a picture of Dr. Nicholas Miraculous Butler of Columbia."

And Jim Knight remarks that the baseball world seems to know what it's all about: "The Yanks Didn't Come and the Reds Won the World Series."

Today's contribution to the Daily Worker Fund:
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Letters From Our Readers

Launches Harry Gannes Fund With \$1 Donation

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:
 This to express my gratification at the splendid response to the financial race of the columnists. However, to me, the most able and admired of Daily Worker columnists is not in the race. I refer, of course, to Harry Gannes.

At this time, when Gannes is critically ill, readers of the "Daily," who, like myself, have in the past learned so much from him, can show our appreciation by not only putting him into the financial race but by getting him to the top.

I am starting the Harry Gannes Fund with \$1. Are there 999 others who will give as much or more? This will show Gannes how much the Daily Worker readers want him to get well and back on the job—where he belongs today.

A FRIEND.

Says Butler's 'Liberalism' Means 'Agree . . . Or Else'

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:
 The well-known defender and apologist of wealthy class rule for this country, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University, in his address the other day very clearly and emphatically expressed the utterly unliberal doctrine of permitting or tolerating but one point of view in regard to the attitude this country can take in this world crisis.

In words pregnant with the evil spirit of authoritarianism, Dr. Butler warned members of the faculty that any one who will not submit and comply with the pro-militaristic policy the financial powers of the nation have decreed the University and the people to accept unquestionably, should get out fast enough before he is fired!

And so Butler had the gall to say at the opening of his address: "Our University . . . has become with the passing of years a powerful public servant in the field of liberty."

A. G. D.

CHANGE THE WORLD



Indian Summer, 'Button,
Button,' and a Word About
Writings of Thomas Wolfe

By MIKE GOLD

THE TREES are going red—There is nothing more exquisite than our Indian summer (when the sun shines). Better than reading Thoreau's praise of it, is getting into old pants and shoes, and making your own easy-going excursion into its flaming heart.

This columnist and wife have just indulged in that luxury. But we did not follow the advice of a desperate young poet in some little magazine years ago. The outstanding line in his poem was: "Let's get a bottle of gin. Sue, throw the babies in the river, and celebrate the end of this white civilization."

The young man, I'll bet, really had no babies. You just don't throw babies into the river, especially when a civilization is ending. You want to save your babies at any cost, and that makes you hunt for a better civilization.

Babies are all right. Any of them, for all one knows, contains in himself the seeds of another Lenin, Shelley, Gorky or other pioneer of a new world.

So, never throw your babies in the river, friend, whatever the bleak and hopeless hour. Things might improve, and you would cheer up and want them again. Even though the world today is "in a state of chaos," as the philosopher in Sean O'Casey's play is fond of repeating.

The world is a bloody mess. Not a doubt of it. But through the encircling gloom appear the bright gleams of a dialectical opposite. Yes, we are going into some mighty bad times. But Europe, just as surely, will be all-Soviet in five years. So, please, don't throw your babies in the river, friend, be you white, black, brown, yellow or all-Red. Preserve and prepare babies for a life that is going to be as much of an improvement over ours as (when the sun shines occasionally) ours is over the life of our grand-daddies, the walking Apes.

My wife and I positively did not throw the babies in the river. We parked them with a kind neighbor, and only then blew ourselves to that supreme luxury, that pure delight, a walk through the painted woods on a beautiful fall day. Let us remember, during the throes of a dying order, that the earth is ever young and fair, and that all her renewals are not death, but forms of life.

Button, Button—As Roosevelt hastens the country into war, one observes the atmosphere thickening with intolerance. The rotten-egg of Willie may be put down as a sample. I believe it is the first time in the history of our democracy that a Presidential candidate has been greeted with the cabbage, ripe tomatoes and old goloshes usually reserved for musical atrocity-mongers who perform at Amateur Nights.

Not that I believe this cheap Wall Street demagogue worthy of more respect than any unfortunate, little cracked token. But the American people always conducted their Presidential elections with dignity. The rough stuff was usually confined to the lesser elections. Even Al Smith, when he was making the great race, could have gone into any Catholic-hating Ku Klux district of the South and found a courteous hearing.

In a world of war and unemployment, however, Willie symbolizes to many American minds the forces of that international reaction which has crystallized under the name of fascism.

He undoubtedly is being supported by the Nazis and Italian Fascist elements, as well as the fascists in Wall Street, of whom there is a large and conscious group. Among his closest friends and advisors you will find men like Roy Howard, for example, a rabid Tory and appeaser of fascism and also an anti-Semite and union-hater.

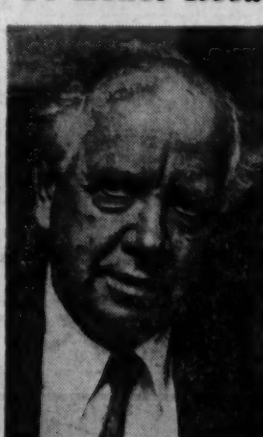
The people sense this, and they also fear that Willie is committed to fascist appeasement, to the destruction of trade unions, the end of relief for the unemployed and similar measures.

This is no ordinary election year in America. It is a year in which the deepest democratic instincts of the people are involved. The people of any land are anti-fascist. Give them the facts, organize them, and you can sweep fascism off the earth. Fascism is the powerful underlying ground-swell of this campaign.

It is interesting that the Willie forces hear this basic chord, and have begun to play their own demagogic variations on the fascist theme. They make a great to-do over the dictatorial dangers latent in a third term, and wear buttons with such slogans as: "No Royal Family"—"No Franklin the First"—"My Friends But Not My Subjects"—"No Crown for Franklin"—etc.

What the Willie gang ignore, however, are the more effective and realistic details, such as the sinister Roosevelt attack on the legal rights of minority parties, the deprivation of the ballot rights of many Americans, the slow but sure preparations for a time when strikes will be outlawed and trade unions merged into a quasi-corporate state, and similar Roosevelt tactics.

To Honor Reed



Art Young, famous American artist, will be one of the speakers at the memorial tribute to John Reed on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of Reed's death. The meeting, arranged by the New Masses, will be held at Manhattan Center on Sunday, Oct. 20, at 2:30.

Letters to Candidate Browder

Radio Listeners from All Parts of U.S.
Laud Speeches of Communist Nominee

By Gilbert Day

The Communist Party's standard bearer is speaking over the radio tonight. Millions of people will listen in, for it is a nation-wide broadcast.

Millions of people listen in when Earl Browder speaks. What do these millions think? What do they feel? What do they say?

Mr. Hearst, distinguished exponent of reaction, tells us that the network is flooded with protests when Browder speaks. Motion Picture Daily quotes Frank E. Mason, NBC vice-president, to the effect that not a single protest was received by the radio corporation.

Dr. Gallup & Boys, are not able to locate any Communist votes. Which reminds us of a story. When an industrialist who had predicted the election of Alf Landon in 1936, on the basis of his personal inquiry of hundreds of his workers, was twitted by friends after election day, he replied that his "workers must have lied to him." Can you imagine, in 1940, a West Virginia miner or California agricultural worker—with the terror and all-conquering in Dr. Gallup & Boys that he was going to vote against the Wall Street parties of Roosevelt, and Willie and for Earl Browder?

When He Talks, Millions Listen

When Earl Browder talks to the nation, millions listen! Too bad there are no two way radios so the millions could tell us immediately what they think and feel.

But the people in their own homes, or rooming houses, can write letters.

And the people do write letters to Earl Browder.

From Maine to California; from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico; from almost every section of the country and from Canada too, come pouring in letters and postcards to the Communist Presidential candidate, and often to the radio stations.

What do the people say to Earl Browder?

A man in San Francisco writes: "I would like to tell you that I appreciated listening to you... there are many of us, and I happen to be employed in a place that is 100 per cent union, who don't necessarily agree with everything that the Communists stand for, but who will fight to the bitter end to see that they are heard. We have come to the conclusion that censorship of such groups as the Communist Party is the beginning of a crack-down on all kinds of organizations of the people—including our own union..."

A young man from Greenwich, Conn.: "I was immensely impressed by your talk of last evening over WOR. Knowing little of the tenets of Communism, due, perhaps, to the rather general lack of information on the subject among my circle of acquaintances, your remarks were of great interest to me. May I therefore ask for a transcript of your talk, and for other real information on Communism..."

Votes for Working Class

A woman in Grand Rapids, Mich.: "Dear Sir: Please tell me who it is I vote for in the state of Michigan—Browder and James W. Ford... was down to see the new voting machines and how they work, but I only saw the names of Roosevelt and Willie. I said, 'Is that all the parties, and the woman in charge replied, 'Oh yes, these are the two leading parties. So you think, I replied—well neither of them will get my vote. I vote for the working class. I would have liked to have said more, but my husband is in business here and he was with me so I said nothing more. I'm voting for Earl Browder. I heard him over the radio, and God bless the man so brave and wise, who stands up for right and for our people.'"

A letter from New York City: "Having heard your talk over MBS tonight, and thoroughly agreeing with your statements which were magnificently expressed, and contrasting so vividly with the many statements we are being fed over the radio and in the press by the war exponents that I am anxious you should send to the following names, copies of your address to the youth..."

From Minnesota comes this typed postcard: "On Thursday evening the St. Paul Dispatch listed the Browder speech WLOL 10:15. On Friday morning, St. Paul Pioneer Press and the Evening St. Paul Dispatch had Earl Browder listed WLOL at 9:15. I am glad someone gave me a leaflet with the correct time." The two newspapers are owned and controlled by the Bidder Brothers of New York. They also control WTCN, the station which did not broadcast Browder's speech. Well, we had the pleasure of hearing Earl Browder last night. It was a dandy speech and such a nice voice. Made us all feel happy, and please do send me five copies of the speech."

From West Virginia: "We heard the voice of peace and justice last night. Please send me a copy of speech and use plain envelope without imprint for obvious reasons. This is in West Virginia. We used to be in the United States..."

A letter from somewhere in Canada: "... it got around here



EARL BROWDER

Earl Browder to Speak on Foreign Policy WABC 10:15

Earl Browder, Communist Presidential candidate, discusses "An American Foreign Policy for Peace" over the Coast-to-Coast Network of the Columbia Broadcasting System through WABC at 10:15 tonight. Mildred Edie, managing editor of Friday Magazine, is "Guest Managing Editor" of "Copy Desk," the newspaper of the air, on Station WINS at 4:30.

MORNING
6:30-WHNY-U.P. News WMCA-News
6:45-WHNY-News
7:00-WABC-Woman's Page of the Air
7:15-WABC-Around New York Today with Hal Walpers
7:30-WABC-A.P. News
7:45-WABC-Famous Music
8:00-WABC-Condensed News
8:15-WABC-Woman of Tomorrow
8:30-WABC-Composers' Hour
8:45-WABC-American School of the Air
9:00-WABC-Breakfast Club
9:15-WABC-Board of Education Program
9:30-WABC-Current Events
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SERIES BACKWASH A LA 'SCORER'

When Jimmy Ripple crossed the plate with that second and winning Cincinnati run on Tuesday afternoon, everyone in the stands knew that the Reds were in. Not, however, Paul Derringer. He had to face Gehring, Greenberg, York and Campbell in the eighth and when Gehring pushed a typical Gehring hit between first and second, the Duke, as he is called in Cincinnati, realized he had to face one more test. He came through with flying colors, for his soft, easy slinker and perfect control in spots made the three heavy hitting Tigers send balls high into the air for easy outs.

After Campbell fled to Goodman to end the eighth, it was all over. A feeling of relief swept over the Redland crowd as they prepared for their big celebration. They rose and cheered each move of the popular Cincinnati team, and when the last ball was rolled by Averill and sank into Frey's glove, then was whipped to Frank McCormick, old man Pandemonium broke loose.

Happy the Reds won a popular victory. Manager McKee is an excellent leader and privately he is a considerate and intelligent baseball man. "We're all here to make a living," is one of his remarks, "so let's cooperate." He maneuvered his pitchers shrewdly, never lost his head and renewed the respect he has always enjoyed from the fans.

The Reds were popular favorites, not because the Detroit Tigers are less admirable. The margin between the two teams is close. But the good people of Cincinnati stimulated the enthusiasm of the oldest and most hard-boiled baseball man. The town was baseball crazy. Celebrants stayed up all night after the final game, crowded the streets like on Armistice Day, 1918, blew horns, rattled rattles, sang, tossed confetti in a mad carnival. It was a sobering sight to see the streets ankle deep in torn paper, to watch grown-ups play like children. Humanity, thought this reporter, loves a good time, seeks an interval of pleasure in its life of toil and pain. Cincinnati seized upon the World Series as an excuse to play in the midst of a world wracked by war. Cincinnati is not a town of rich people. It has poor, very poor, Negroes living in typical slums, starved-looking white children in rags, barefoot. After the big win, these poor folk smiled. Their faces shone with the joy of a vicarious victory. For once they shared something rich—if only a sport. Baseball gave them a few hours of triumph.

In Detroit, there was less enthusiasm. Detroit is a sober, serious town of awful labor, of assembly lines and factories guarded by machine guns and poison gas. Battles have been fought in many Detroit streets, and too many Detroiters are deep in the second thought of what life can do to men who do not unite. Detroit loves baseball, but the Tigers are a Walter O. Briggs' team, and Briggs is one of the big shots who fought the CIO until he was forced to submit. And even today is supporting the weakening of CIO contracts. The Tigers, fine fellows all, good players, are a Briggs team and perhaps that is the difference between the Reds and their vanquished foe.

Powell Crosley, owner of the Reds, is a rich man, a big manufacturer, a typical wealthy sportsman. His team is for him a good investment. But something about the manner in which it is operated, the way players and fans mingle, know each other by the first name—"Hi, Bucky!" "Howdy, Duke..."—well, even if Crosley owns the Reds' contracts, the town itself has taken over the team. You feel the difference the minute you enter Cincinnati. It makes for a renewal of hope in the spirit of clean sport, good sportsmanship and, especially, the love of peace. I heard a Redland fan say after the last game—"Well, now the headlines will go back to war!" Baseball—an interlude in the calendar, an interlude of relaxation and forgetfulness, a replenishing of the spirit for the deeper struggle of everyday life.

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**Labor Softball Hits Big
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Afternoon**

Labor athletics will take a long step forward this Sunday, October 13th, in its fast growing march to provide the working man with an active sports life when the Trade Union Athletic Association will present the first Inter-State Labor Softball Tournament to take place in the United States as Trade Union teams from Maryland, New Jersey, Connecticut and New York take over the Field of Special Events at the World's Fair for the great event.

Trade Union brothers will pour upon the Fair from four states to root their teams to victory in what should be one of the best exhibitions of trade union athletics in the country.

Four championship teams will start in the tourney which begins at noon, when the United Photographic Employees, Local No. 415, winners of the TUAA Softball League of New York will meet the TUAA champs of New Jersey, a powerful all-star outfit.

At 1:30 P. M., the top team of Baltimore, the United Brick & Clay Workers, Local No. 936, will face off against the Ansonia Brass Workers, champ labor team of Connecticut.

The winners of the two games will then meet at 3:00 P. M. in the finale to determine the championship labor team of the Eastern coast.

It is appropriate that the teams should decide their champs on the grounds of a World's Fair that was constructed completely by Union labor.

The Unions have arranged for buses to transport trade union sports enthusiasts from their native states to the Fair, thus guaranteeing the event to be a huge success for Trade Union athletics.

Winning Reds Lift Manager To Shoulder



Kissing a Good Season Goodbye And Looking to a Better One

**Races Were Hot Up Top, But Hopeless
Quartet Was Still Hopeless, and the
Tigers Had the Answer to That**

By Lester Rodney

This is what is known as Baseball Backwash Day on the sports pages, when you wrap up the departed season and World's Series in one last bundle, toss it at the readers and bring out the football chart for tomorrow.

The Series is talked and wrote out. Se fin. Except perhaps in Cincinnati where they're still dancing around Fountain Square in praise of the Deacon and his lads, the Duke, Bucky, Jimmy the Ripple, Life Begins at 41 Wilson, Ival the Terrible Goodman and co. This little essay will concern itself briefly with the late lamented regular season, upon which there was little time for reflection as the Series galloped right up on its dying heels.

Of significance in the final standings were—
The fact that the Yankees, with all their "collapse" finished a mere two games out of the lead and are coming up with a grade of replacements next spring none of the other teams in either league can begin to touch. Add that to the rather decrepit, this season-or-bust appearance of the flag winning Tigers' infield and mound staff and you get a nifty preview of the shape of things in the next American League race. A shape that was followed for four years before and will very

possibly bring another four years. Unless...
We don't have to be subtle or mysterious about the unless. The Detroit players yelled it right out in their dressing room as they faced the prospect of going into the seventh game behind a pitcher who had only one day's rest. We refer to the addition of the much needed Negro stars, of whom at least twenty, by the authority of no less a manager than Deacon Bill McKee himself, are ready to step in and star. Newsom did a grand job with his one day's rest, but it's a long season ahead next year.

The finish of both leagues found the same old weaklings, hopelessly out of things at the tail end for lack of talent and the money that only winning teams can bring in. This and Bees were more than 25 games behind in the National, as were the Browns, Senators and A's in the American. And it looks chronic, again unless...
It was a good season nonetheless, with the Dodgers furnishing plenty of competitive excitement in the National and the Indians and Yankees putting the heat on the A. L. champs down to the last day. But for the fans in the cities like Philly, St. Louis, Washington et al. who are getting tired of seeing their favorites stepped on, there is just one solution. And Brooklyn wouldn't mind the addition of a couple of the right boys to topple the Reds and bring the Series to Ebbets Field next year. Not a little bit.

There's no Fountain Square in Brooklyn, but there'd be a lot of paper fluttering around Flatbush Avenue the day Josh Gibson, Peeewe Reese, Satch Paige, Dolph Camilli and Dixie Walker knocked over the American League champions for the fourth time.

\$5,100 for Each Red As Dough Is Split

CINCINNATI, Oct. 9 (UP).—When the multiplication and division is completed, here is what will happen to the \$1,221,817.94 receipts from the 1940 World Series.

Each player on the championship Cincinnati Reds team will receive approximately \$5,100.

The losers, the Detroit Tigers, will pocket about \$3,400 each. The total players' share (based on the first four games) was \$373,830.56.

The Clubs' share was \$332,357.30. For the Leagues' there was another \$332,357.30.

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4 Teams Look Good In Bad Year for East

**Cornell, Boston, Fordham, Princeton Should
Give Good Accounts of Them-
selves From Early Form**

Eastern football looks for Cornell, Boston College, Fordham and Princeton to carry the banner of sectional prestige this year. Stunned by the defeats of Dartmouth, Yale, Holy Cross and New York University last Saturday, the East expects Army, Navy and Harvard to be removed from the undefeated ranks this week.

Cornell, more versatile and a better balanced eleven than the one that went through the 1938 season unbested and untied, seems a cinch to bury a weak army club. Unleashing a five touchdown barrage against Colgate in its 1940 debut. The big red looks much too strong for a West Point team that barely managed to nose out little Williams 20-19.

Boston College 27-7 conqueror of powerful Tulane and with two weeks of rest, has an easy game Saturday against Temple, which bowed to Georgetown in its opener last Friday night. Boston coach Frank Leahy admits his speedy team got all the breaks against Tulane and has warned his ex-boss, Fordham Coach Jim Crowley not to take Tulane too lightly when it comes to New York to play his Rams this week. Fordham, however, should be the favorite because of a strong showing against rugged West Virginia, last Saturday, coupled with Tulane's second straight setback by Auburn.

Princeton, class of the "Big three," may not be in the same league with Cornell, Boston College

CCNY Hoop Squad Looks Terrific

Nat Holman, City College basketball coach, yesterday inaugurated practice for his 22nd Varsity team at C. C. N. Y. Holman regards prospects for a successful season as bright and this Beaver quintet is expected to rank with the best he has produced in his long tenure at City College.

Only two men, Babe Adler and Jack Carpin, are missing from the team that upset N. Y. U. last winter, and with ten lettermen returning, a veteran team is assured. To make things even brighter, this year's sophomores constitute as fine a crop of first year men as Coach Holman has seen since 1937.

Of last year's starting five, Al Goldstein, Sam Deitchman, Martin Scheinkman, and Jules Gerson are back and facing a hard fight to keep their positions. At this premature stage, it is of course, difficult to say who will start for the Beavers, but these four and Captain Angelo Monitto hold the inside track. Holman looks forward happily towards this season's campaign because he has 20 men who are battling each other to the finish for starting berths. Not for three years has the Lavender mentor been able to rely upon such a vast resource of talented operatives. Those men who are now on the first five may be sitting on the bench when December rolls around and no one is sure of his position.

Those men reporting for practice yesterday were: Angelo Monitto, Albert Goldstein, Sam Deitchman, Martin Scheinkman, Julian Gerson, Eddie Edwin, David Laub, Harvey Lozano, Alfred Weinograd, Vincent Capraro, Claude Phillips, Harry Fishman, Sidney Peck, William Holzman, Aaron Mauer, Harold Jendenfriend, Herbert Weinstein, Paul Brandman, Arthur Reicher, and Armin Shapiro.

Holzman and Phillips are two flashy ballplayers who may replace regulars. They are both experienced men, good playmakers, fine ballhandlers, and talented shooters. Aaron Miller and Harold Jendenfriend, a pair who sparked the Jayvee to a victory over NYU Fresh last season, also figure in Holman's plans.

The Beavers will have two months before their opening game with West Chester State Teachers.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.—Steve Belloise, 155, New York, knocked out Wickey Harkins 157½. Philadelphia (3); Jerry Boyd, 166, New York, outpointed Maynard Womer, 162½, New York (6).

(COLISEUM)—Tami Muriello, 158, New York, outpointed Augie Arellano, 155, Houston, Tex. (8); Randy Brown, 146, New York, outpointed Frank Vels, 145, Puerto Rico, (6).

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